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Improved Engine Lathe and Lathe Head.

We give upon this page cuts of a screw cutting engine lathe, made by the Star Tool Company, Providence, R. I., together with a section of the lathe head. The design of the lathe itself is very good, the framing being strong and stiff, points of vital importance in a machine of this kind where accurate work is to be done. Rod and friction feed independent of the steel lead screw, with its open and shut nut, are provided, so as to reduce the wear upon the screw as much as possible and preserve it intact for screw cutting. The tail stock, which is not quite correctly shown in the cut, furnishes an unusually long and steady bearing to the spindle. The lathe is made in a variety of sizes. Those swinging 15 inches are furnished with beds of various lengths, the shortest taking 3 feet 3 inches between centers and the longest 7 feet 3 inches. In general arrangements the lathe is very convenient. The general design alone, however, is not the only governing point in the selection of a tool. Manufacturers at the present day have learned that fine workmanship in tools is an absolute necessity if good work is to be cheaply produced, and they are giving unusual attention to those details of construction which aid in securing durability and accuracy in them. The lathe head used upon this lathe, of which we give a section, is a recent invention of Mr. E. A. Beaman, of the Star Tool Co. In the cut, L and Q represent the head stock, which has circular and tapering holes to receive the round boxes A and G. These are turned to fit and then cut in half. They are held in position by the nuts F F and B K. In this way the spindle P is always kept true and in line, the upper half of the box being lowered just as much as the lower half is raised. The hole H through the spindle is one inch and five-eighths in diameter. So far as we know, this is the largest hole made in any hollow spindle lathe, unless of much larger swing. Besides its conveniences for work, it necessitates the use of a large and consequently very stiff spindle, P, with bearings in proportion, which makes a most desirable job, and as there are no straps nor caps the spindle is very firmly supported by the head. O is the large spindle gear, and is retained in position by the nut N. The 4-section cone is shown at R, and is intended to carry a 2 1/4 inch belt. E is the cone head, D the small gear on the cone. C is the feed gear on the spindle. The end thrust is taken by the step I, held by the bracket K and fastened by the check nut J. This head is designed for lathes having a swing of 15 inches. The head being a single casting or solid throughout gives a stiffness that is very valuable and makes it almost impossible for the spindle to get out of line under any circumstances. Steel is used for the spindle and for all other parts where it can be advantageously employed.

Several of our friends have lathes of this kind at work, and we find they have a most excellent record in producing good work and are at the same time very durable and convenient.

Curious Bankruptcy Figures.—While the bankrupt law was in force there were 103,005 bankruptcies in the United States. The Boston Commercial Bulletin has reviewed and analyzed these figures, and shows some interesting facts. Relatively to population, Massachusetts had the most bankruptcies (one to every 160) Maryland had the fewest (one to every 904 of population). Virginia ranks next to Massachusetts, and California is third. Connecticut is sixteenth in a list of forty States and Territories. The list of more than 100,000 bankruptcies looks immense, but there are at least 700,000 business men in the country, and on the other hand there are among the bankrupts at least 10 per cent. who have failed more than once, and also a good many not in active business, bankrupt by indorsement or other outside connection. It is, therefore, about a fair conclusion that one in nine of the business men of the country have failed in the past ten years. This is bad enough, but it is even below the general rule that one in every six men fails, which has been accepted by statisticians.

Philip A. Otis, who was in charge of the exhibit of the Northampton Emery Wheel Co. at the Paris Exposition, not feeling satisfied with the first award, a bronze medal, made a written protest against it on the ground that the examination had not been sufficiently thorough, and succeeded in getting a re-examination on Oct. 2. The committee were unanimous in deciding that justice had not been done, and they awarded a silver medal in addition.

Business History of the Zinc Stamping Industry and Its Failures in the United States.

The manufacture of stamped zinc architectural ornaments in this country was commenced some ten or more years since, in Chicago, by an organization called the Chicago Zinc Roofing and Ornamenting Company. The chief promoter of the enterprise was Mr. F. W. Matthiessen, of La Salle, Ill., of the firm of Matthiessen & Hegeler, favorably known as the pioneer manufacturers of sheet zinc in this country, who held the presidency of the organization. The superintendency of the concern was in charge of Mr. Gateau. The secretaryship

and the company soon experienced the force of unpopularity. An attempt was made by the president at reorganization, with a view to changing the superintendency from that of a policy of French ideas to the embodiment of American utility; but it was soon discovered that the party necessary to depose was so entrenched and fortified by contracts that such a move was almost impossible. During a season of disgust and apathy which succeeded this attempted change, the great fire in Chicago wiped the concern out of existence, and there ended the connection of the substantial men of the company with the attempt to establish the manufacture of zinc ornaments as an industry in America. From the ruins of the conflagration sprang

concern in its dies. Each republished the catalogue of the old concern, and neither seems to have profited to any considerable extent by the mistake of the pioneer enterprise. We have no desire to encumber this history with personalities or unimportant details. Our only object is to show, so far as we are able, some cause for the hitherto unexplained lack of success in the development of this industry, and to account in some measure for a part of the prejudice against stamped ornaments which exists in the mind of the trade at large. The trade naturally became disgusted by such foolish efforts to serve it, which feeling was not lessened by the jealous rivalry manifested by at least one of the concerns engaged in

were transferred, by process of consolidation, to the Kittredge Cornice and Ornament Company at Salem, Ohio. This company secured the contract on the Centennial buildings at Philadelphia, in which was a large amount of pressed zinc work, and for a time it seemed to be on the high road to prosperity; but recently a fate common to many enterprises in these times has overtaken it, and its shops are now in the hands of an assignee. This company's failure was not directly attributable to that part of its business which consisted of the manufacture of zinc ornaments, but in its failure that part of its business suffered in common with the rest.

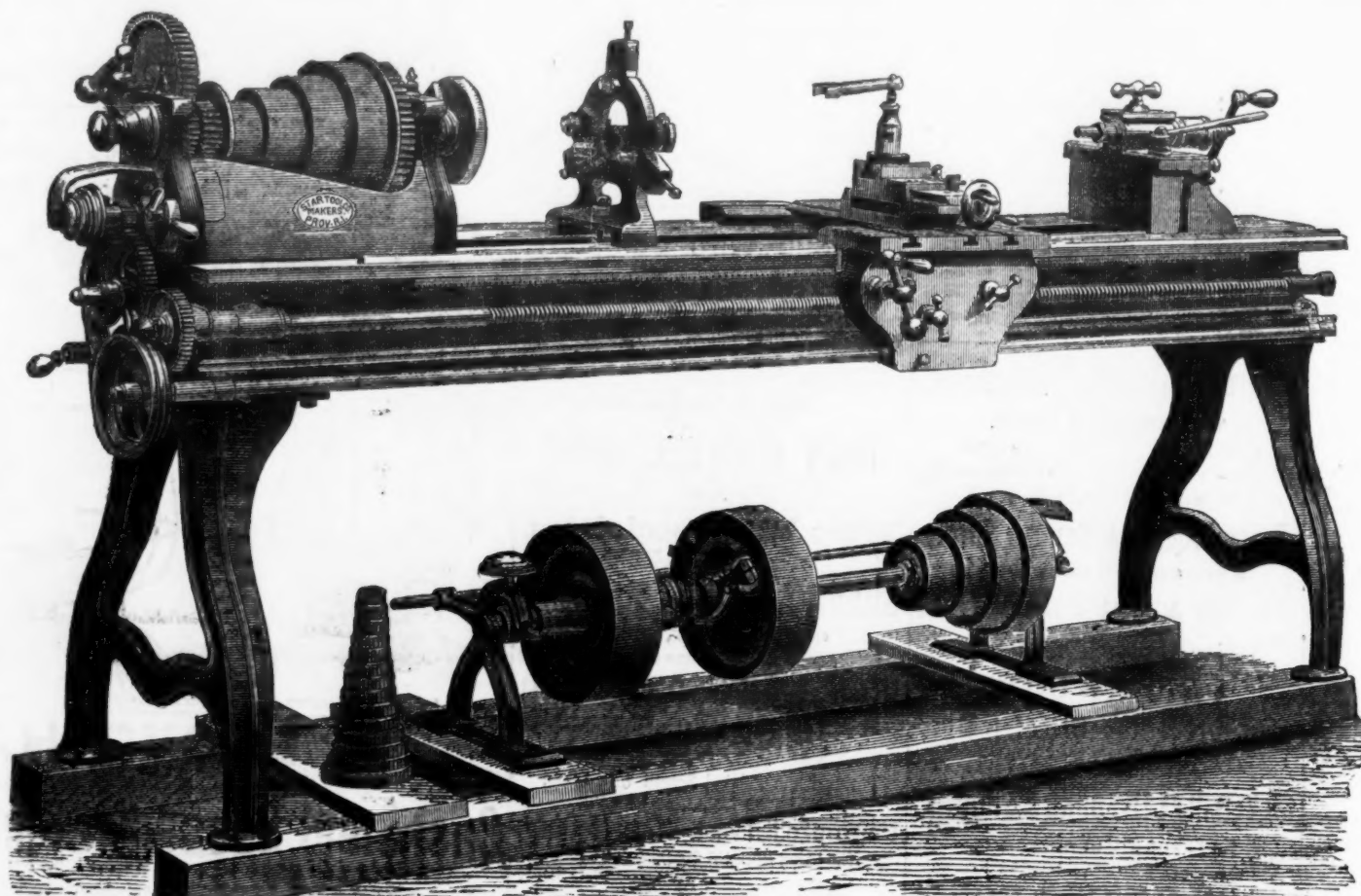
Some few concerns in various parts of the country devoted to the manufacture of cornice work have at different times manufactured a part of the ornaments they have required in their own business, but the enterprises above described are the only ones which have attempted to make this industry a specialty. It remains for the future to show what is to be the fate of a business of real merit and utility, which has suffered so severely at the hands of its friends and promoters.

British Railway Interests.

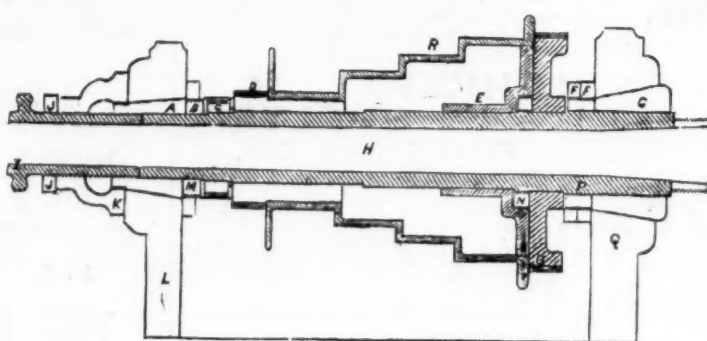
A great deal of cautious speculation is now going on in England as to the future of its great railway interests. It is asserted by careful experts and politico-economists that the course of some of the leading roads is toward bankruptcy. The capital involved in English railways being some £650,000,000, the interest on this, some 4.32 per cent, is thought, in consideration of the risk, to be a very pitiful return. The trouble seems to lie in the fact that there is a steady increase in the cost of railway service. It is said that if things go on as they have done for the last five or six years, the railway shareholders will have either to be contented with smaller returns, to charge the public higher rates than they do, or to detect and stop the leak by which their profits are slowly and surely ebbing. Estimating the actual saving England has made in the last 50 years by railroad transportation, the nation is benefited every year to the wonderful amount of £340,000,000. A rise of one per cent. on the actual cost of transportation means a loss of £338,600 to the nation. Working expenses appear to augment out of proportion to the earnings on increased traffic.

In 1860, when the earliest summary of the expenses of railways was made in the United Kingdom by the Board of Trade, the working expenses were 47 per cent. of the gross income. In 1873 this average had increased to 53 per cent., and in 1874 to 54 per cent. of revenue. Such augmentation was supposed to arise from the increased price of fuel. Since that time, however, coal has very much declined. In 1876 the average 54.25 per cent. of working expenses was arrived at, the lowest on a special road being 39.08 per cent., and the highest 56.65 per cent. The result arrived at may be expressed as follows: If the working cost is increasing at the rate of one per cent. per annum, the aggregate capital of £650,000,000 must yield, even with greater traffic, smaller returns. Of course there are exceptional lines, mainly passenger roads, which make excellent returns, but it is the mineral trains, which show not only diminution of income per mile in the gross, but this constant increase of the rate of working charges.

An investigation into the causes of the terrible mortality from yellow fever in New Orleans this year shows that the wonder is not that so many, but that so few died. A committee appointed by Mayor Pillsbury has discovered that the seeds of disease and death were scattered throughout the city last spring and summer by 4000 loads of kitchen garbage, which were hauled from the public dumping ground to fill the streets. The citizens have made complaints all along of the disgusting stench arising from this sort of road-bed, and the Board of Health at last found their complaints worthy of attention and asked a stoppage of this sort of filling. John McCaffrey, the city official who allowed it, however, told the board, in so many words, to mind their own business, and continued to haul from the dump, though transferable permits, good for any amount, were granted, so that the quantity taken might not be easily known. The committee of investigation express the general opinion that if McCaffrey's fillings did not originate the yellow fever they helped to supply material on which it fed, and the contumacious official is now in a fair way to be retired to private life, followed by the anathemas of an indignant and afflicted community. He ought to be hanged if what is alleged of him is true.



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SECTION OF HOLLOW SPINDLE LATHE HEAD WITH TAPER BOXES.

was held by a Mr. Randolph, a man of undoubted ability, and one of considerable influence among architects and builders. With ample capital, and at a time when building operations were brisk, when prices for all building materials were fair, and when the public generally were willing to receive any new enterprise favorably, this concern seemed sure of attaining success. But from some of its constituent elements, and from certain features of management which were embodied in its policy, it was destined soon to come to grief. Its designs, patterns, dies, machines, tools, workmen, and, we might add, its system of business, were all imported from France.

The whole enterprise was an exotic, transplanted to an uncongenial soil. There was not that ability of adaptation about the managers necessary to conform to the project to American notions of business. In fact, instead of adapting itself to the wants of the building trades as then existing, the company held to the foreign ways with which it had started, and quarreled with builders because they were not well pleased with its plan of conducting business. The designs of ornaments with which it commenced operations were exclusively reproductions of patterns in use in Paris, and as a natural result a very large proportion of them were unsaleable in this country, or if used at all, presented in connection with other features of a building, an incongruous appearance. Herein was lost an opportunity of building up an industry which, while being a matter of profit to its promoters, would undoubtedly have been of real service to the nation, in affording an economical and tasteful style of ornamentation, capable of indefinite application. While the responsibility of the lack of success experienced by this enterprise rested very largely upon its superintendent, the fixing of the blame did not serve to remedy the harm done. The disgust and disappointment of the trade incident to these abortive efforts to serve it, resulted in a prejudice against zinc ornaments themselves,

two new concerns, each eager to reap an expected harvest in the exceptional demand which was anticipated to spring from the rebuilding of the city. The superintendent of the old concern, associating with a man of means, organized what was termed, in contradistinction to the former enterprise, the Chicago Zinc Roofing and Ornamenting Works, with Gerard & Gateau as proprietors. A Toledo, Ohio, firm, Ballard, Freeman & Maples, who had been long and favorably identified with the manufacture of metal cornices, with the tacit approval of the president of the old concern, who controlled such of its effects as had escaped

this business. This disgust, coupled with the greater and more patent cause of offense—the one of apparently unreasonable prices placed upon the goods produced, and which was the necessary complement of high cost of manufacture, induced by the blunders of manufacture and consequent small demand which we have described—became so deeply seated that it will require great exertion upon the part of any enterprise in the future to displace it and to obtain even a fair showing for the reception of its goods, no matter how great their merits.

Girard & Gateau soon developed an incompatibility of temper, and an attempt to dissolve partnership upon the part of Mr. Girard was met by the production of a contract upon the part of his associate, similar to that which had proved so advantageous to him in his position in the original company, and the stipulations of which were so framed as to make it the basis of a remarkable and long-continued quarrel. There followed a series of attempts to dissolve and to prevent dissolution, constituting a strife almost unparalleled in the history of partnerships. By appeals to the courts, where the case was heard and dismissed for lack of cause; by proceedings before referees, and by every resort known to the legal fraternity who conducted the quarrel in the interest of the belligerents, the strife was continued through a period of several years with varying results, sometimes one partner and sometimes the other being in possession of the works, until a comparatively short time since, when either from intentional neglect upon the part of the financial partner, or because he had become exhausted, the rights of creditors forced the concern to sale, and its dies and patterns were distributed among a number of buyers.

Ballard, Freeman & Maples conducted their enterprise a little less than two years, when they sold it out to an organization known as the National Ornament Company. The business was conducted by this concern a little more than a year, when its interests

the fire, undertook the manufacture of zinc ornaments in that city. The superintendency of their enterprise was entrusted to a Mr. Perkins, whose qualifications for the position consisted in a theoretical knowledge of the cornice business, and a supposed comprehension of the mistakes made by the defunct pioneer concern. Both of the new attempts were unprofitable from the start. Many of the blunders of the old company were repeated in each of them. The ideas of management peculiar to the first effort were naturally very largely incorporated into the second one which came under the control of the same superintendent, and while the Toledo enterprise was composed of fresh material, it yet failed to infuse new and saving ideas into the business. In many respects the two concerns at this period resembled each other. Each duplicated the designs of the defunct

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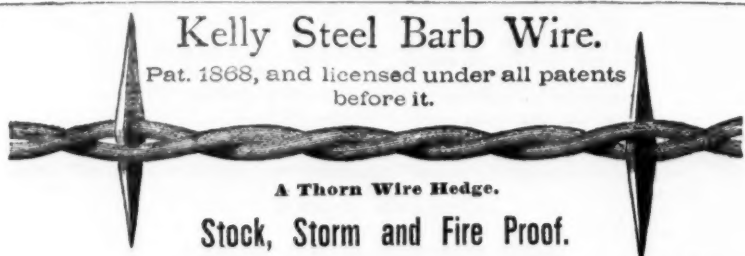
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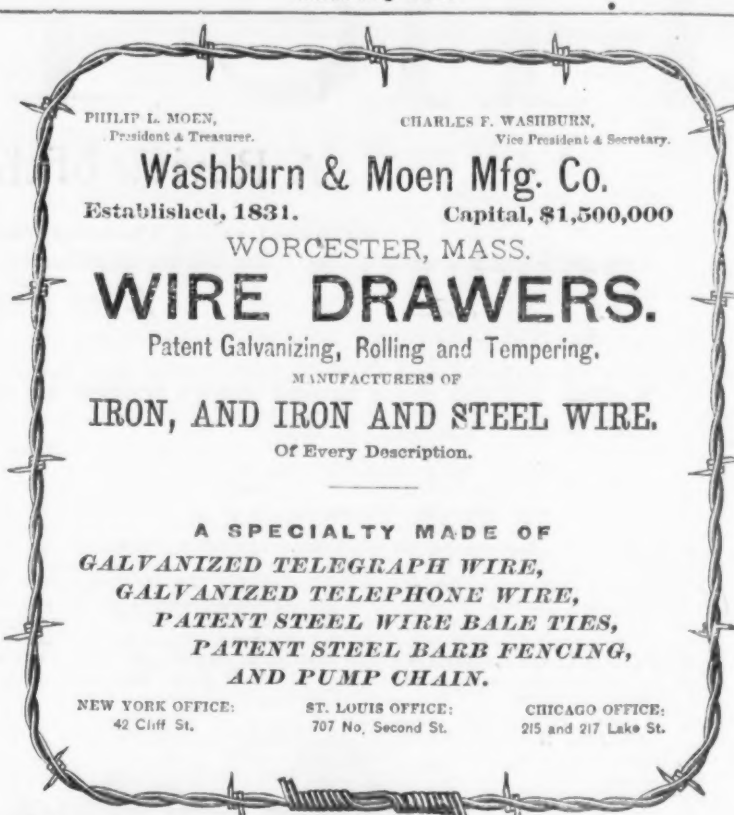
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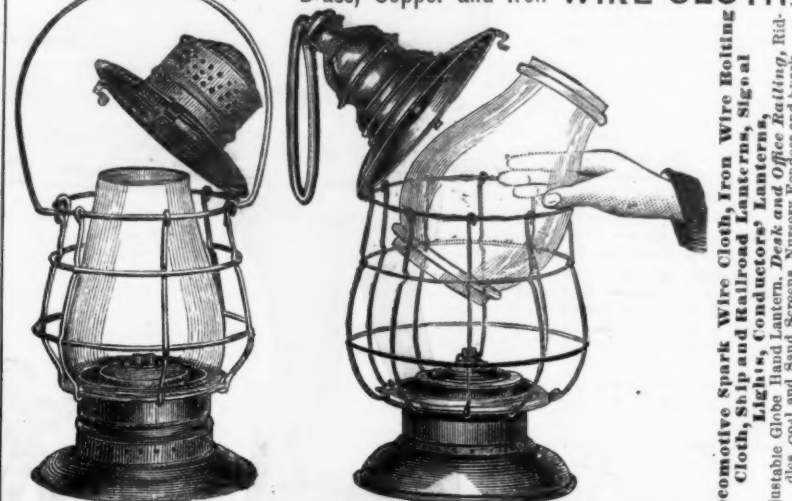
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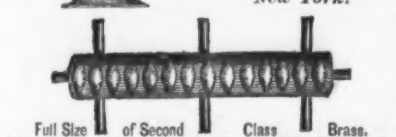
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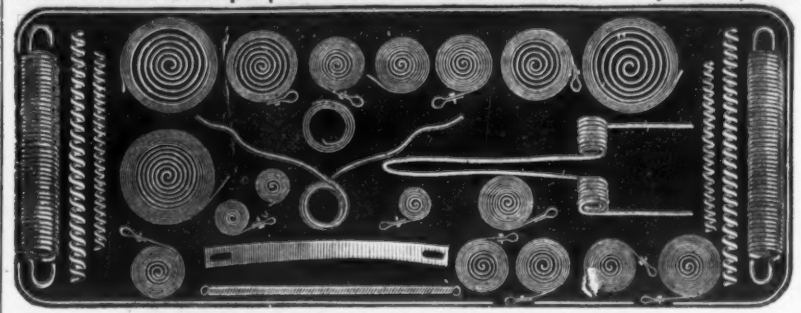
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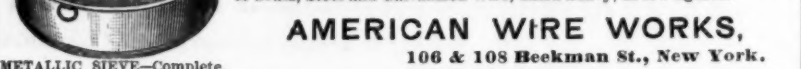
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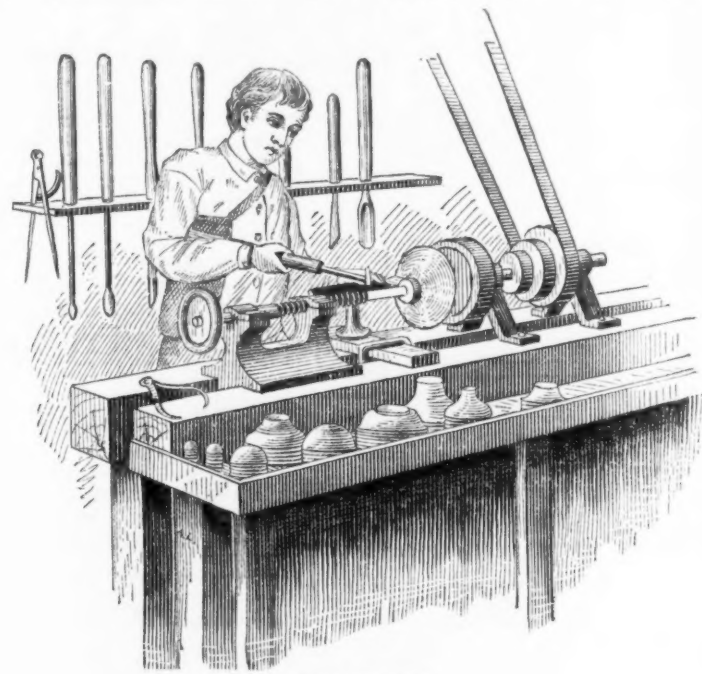
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resembles the operation of turning in wood,
&c. A lathe is employed, by which a blank
and a chuck are rapidly revolved, and the
shape is imparted to the metal by the pres-
sure of a blunt tool. Our engraving is a
representation of the general manipulation
and the appliances used. The metals used
in spun work are sheet zinc, copper, brass
and some of the soft and ductile alloys.In the manufacture of sheet metal cor-
nices and other decorative work for build-
ings, spun work forms no insignificant ele-
ment, being used both in the principal parts
and for purposes of ornament and embel-
lishment. The metal used in this connection
is ordinarily sheet zinc, although occasionally
copper and brass are employed. The chucks
are turned from gum, apple, cherry or other
tough or close grained woods for all lots of
ordinary quantities, but where a very large
number of a pattern is required metal chucks
are employed. For large shapes wood is
employed exclusively. In the use of wood
chucks green timber is generally preferred,
on account of greater solidity, absence from
seasoning cracks, and on account of being
more easily turned to shape. Where a wood
chuck is taken off the spindle for any pur-
pose, with the expectation of using it again,
it is preserved during the interval either by
immersion in water or by burying in wet
shavings or moist earth. The greatest care
is necessary in the use of wood chucks, save
where very few pieces of a kind are re-
quired, to preserve them, both from season-**A New Blast Furnace.**Iron gives us an account of a new blast
furnace designed recently by Mr. Alexander
Morton, of Glasgow, which threatens to strike
a blow at all notions hitherto held on the
chemical and physical phenomena of the blast
furnace. Mr. Morton proposes to make a new
communication with the interior, with the ob-
ject of allowing the more non-combustible
gases either to escape directly into the atmos-
phere or be withdrawn from the furnace at
some distance between the ordinary tuyeres
and the space above the charge, while the
more combustible gases generated in the up-
per portion of the charge might collect at the
top in order to be utilized in the ordinary way.
According to one arrangement, Mr. Morton
constructs the furnace with a surrounding
circular passage about half-way between the
tuyeres and the top of the charge. This
passage communicates with the interior of
the furnace through a series of slots in the
brickwork, and the non-combustible prod-
ucts are permitted to escape through a
short upright chimney directly into the at-
mosphere. The space above the charge
may be in direct communication with the
receiver, as at present, or the gases, which
will be much purer than usual, may be with-
drawn, and returned into the lower incan-
descent materials by an ordinary blowing
engine such as that now used for producing
an air-blast; or the air-blast itself may be
used to withdraw the gas from the top of the
furnace and inject it into the lower incan-
descent materials of the same or similar furnace
for melting ore. Mr. Morton also proposes
to apply the steam blast for increasing the

METAL SPINNING.

ing or shrinking, and from being reduced in
size by the careless use of the trimming tool
employed upon the metal. For metal chucks
cast iron, cast zinc or a Babitt metal are em-
ployed. Either of the latter two possess ad-
vantages over the former in the convenience
of casting to approximate shape with the
common appliances of the shop. While
cast iron can be obtained only by ordinary
foundry processes, necessitating delay, it
possesses the compensating advantages of
wearing longer, producing smoother and
more accurate work and costing less.In lamp work and other similar lines the
art of metal spinning has been developed to
a very high degree. By means of composite
chucks, or those which are constructed in
sections and locked together with a key,
which provides a means of withdrawing
this from finished work, forms are produced
from one piece of metal, having alternate
ridges and depressions, neck-shape like bot-
tles, which on casual inspection appear mar-
velous. In small articles of this nature brass
is very generally employed. Repeated an-
nealing is required during the process, and
great skill in the operator is essential.In large articles equally unexpected
results, by this manipulation, are produced,
although differing very much from the sort
just described. In large forms, like those
used for the borders of center pieces for the
ceilings of rooms, and for similar purposes,
which are ordinarily produced only by the
aid of several seams, the expert spinner, by
the use of several chucks with the same
blank, first applying one side toward the
chuck and then the other, as the forms to
be made are either projections or depres-
sions, will produce all the elements of a
quite intricate molding in one piece. The
lid or cover, as of a bucket or water cooler,
together with the rim which fits into the
neck and its projecting edge, are made in
one piece also. Both of these examples are
produced in ordinary sheet zinc.In the process of zinc spinning frequent
annealing is necessary. The appliances for
this are an open charcoal fire, a gas jet, or
a flame from gasoline, or an annealing oven
constructed upon the same general principle
as employed in zinc stamping. This may
be described as a flame-encircled box, which
in its situation and arrangement in some
respects resembles the oven in an ordinary
cook stove, into which are laid the blanks
in piles. The heating process is slow,
but a pile of blanks once brought up to
the proper temperature retains its heat for
a comparatively long time, even when re-
moved from the oven.Spun metal work, besides being employed
in cornice work, lamps and lanterns, as above
mentioned, enters into the trimmings and
decorations of gas fixtures, lightning rods,
weather vanes, spire ornaments and finials.
It is used extensively in the manufacture of
plated ware, water coolers, spice canisters,
bird cages and many other articles. The
use determines the metal employed, the pro-
cess of manipulation remaining substantially
the same in all.draft or velocity of the gases from the upper
portion of the blast furnaces through the
several steam boilers and heaters, and from
these into the atmosphere. He is aware
that the exhaust steam for non-condensing
engines has been led into the flues from the
steam boilers and heaters, as also into the
bottom of a high ordinary chimney, but this
second part of the invention only relates to
the application and use of an upright chim-
ney, very short compared with its diameter,
and otherwise constructed internally so as
to insure an increase of draft by the lateral
action of the steam blast. Another modifi-
cation of this second part of his proposition
consists in the application of a large fan
blower (somewhat similar to those used for
ventilating pits and mines) acting in the
main or other flues so as to increase the
draft and thereby induce the gases from the
top of the blast furnace or furnaces through
the several boilers and heaters with greater
velocity.**Lignite near the Dead Sea.**—It turns
out that France gains something by the Ber-
lin treaty after all, and that her protector-
ate of Syria, supposed to be a nominal con-
cession, will prove of substantial value.
French capitalists have secured a grant for
a railway line from Jaffa to the interior of
Palastine, which will open up the Jordan
Valley and the whole region north of the
Suez Canal. In certain contingencies this
road might become of great military useful-
ness, but it appears further that the pro-
ductive resources of the country are consid-
erable, and, what is more surprising, that
the Dead Sea itself can be turned to com-
mercial account. The whole valley of the
Jordan, from Jerusalem to Damascus, is ex-
tremely fertile and well adapted to the cul-
ture of the olive and the vine and the neces-
saries of life which Egypt, which has turned
its attention to the cultivation of cotton and
sugar cane, no longer furnishes. It is as a
purveyor, however, of fuel, rather than of
food, that the region to be opened by the
new railway deserves particular attention.
Hitherto the main obstacle to the develop-
ment of steam traffic in the Levant has been
the total absence of combustible material.
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the Red Sea, are completely stripped of wood,
and the coal imported from the West com-
mands a price ranging from \$12 to \$24 a ton.
Recently expensive prospecting has been
made between Jaffa and the Dead Sea which,
so far, have not disclosed any deposits of
coal proper, but, on the other hand, have
laid bare inexhaustible beds of lignite. Of
itself this store of lignite is likely to prove
an inestimable gain to the industries and
commerce of the Levant; but we should
add that the juxtaposition of asphalt in great
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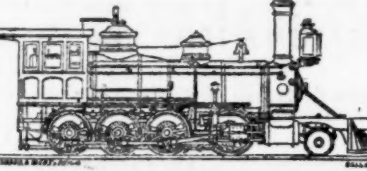
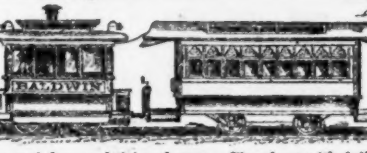
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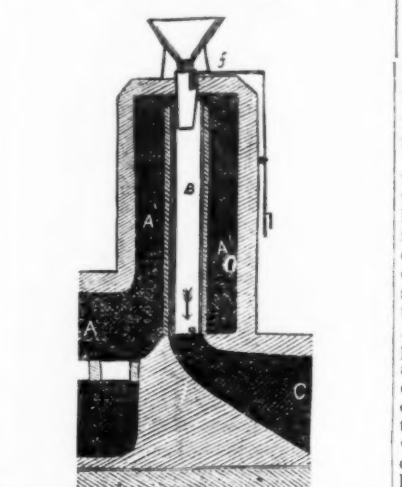
New Patents.
We take the following abstract of new patents, recently issued, from the official record:
SNAP HOOK.
To Chas. W. Blakeslee, Northfield, Conn.
-Aug. 6.-The snap-hook tongue b, having



the one ear b and the sleeve b', in combination with the hook-body a and the spring d.
RIVETING MACHINE.
To H. McColl, Glasgow, Scotland.-Aug. 13.-1. In a riveting machine, the combination of operating mechanism with a ram made in two parts, between which is interposed a body of liquid having access to a loaded escape valve, the two parts of the ram being so connected by a bolt that the part carrying the die may be moved backward by the other portion of the ram.

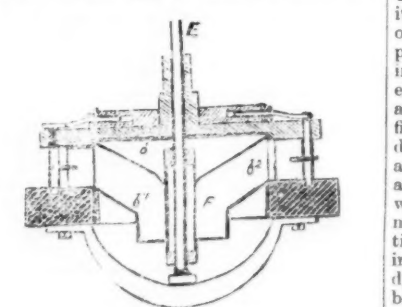


2. The combination of the two-part ram, the connecting bolt 15 and adjusting nut, and the loaded escape valve with the valve 11, opening inward, and the toe-rod 2, adapted to be operated by some working part of the machine.
ORE-ROASTING AND DESULPHURIZING FURNACE.
To A. Ramage, Denver, Col.-Aug. 13.-The products of combustion pass around into the top and down through the ore tube to the ore hearth. The action of the gases is aided



by the steam entering through the pipe in the hopper tube.
1. In a furnace for roasting and desulphurizing ores, the combination of the vertical tube B, having its upper end open to admit the flame and gases of combustion, and tube c, leading from the hopper, and its lower end communicating with the ore chamber C.
2. In a furnace for roasting and desulphurizing ores, the combination of the several parts described—namely, the furnace A, flue A', entirely surrounding the roasting tube B and connecting with its open upper end tube e, leading from the hopper, and pipe f and ore chamber C.

TURBINE WHEEL AND GATE-OPERATING MECHANISM.
To U. S. Sheffer and Wm. H. Sheffer, York, Pa.-Aug. 13.-The tubular case surrounding the shaft is perforated at top and bottom to provide for the escape of any water that may collect upon the dishing upper surface of the wheel.
1. The wheel, consisting of the upper conical plate b, the lower conical plate b', terminating in a ring, and radial partitions, b', curved in the ring portion, as shown, and

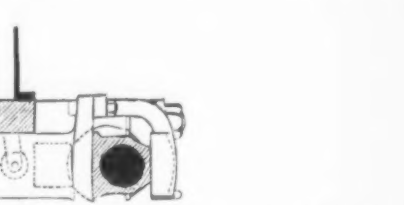


arranged to form converging buckets with a curved downward discharge.
2. The combination, with the wheel consisting of conical plates b b' and partition b', of the shaft E and the interposed tubular case F, having openings above and below the wheel.
3. The combination, with the vertically-pivoted gates, of the vertical rock shafts, having a loose forked connection with said gates, and rigid arms above loosely connected with a circularly-adjustable disk.

Experiments with Gelatine Dynamite.

Some time ago it will be remembered Nobel discovered that a comparatively small quantity, 6 or 8 per cent., of a nitrated cellulose, prepared from cotton in a peculiar manner, has the property of transforming liquid nitro-glycerine, the employment of which as such is, of course, extremely dangerous, into a gelatinous mass highly suitable as an explosive, which, even under very high pressure, does not disengage any nitro-glycerine, does not alter its character by water, and possesses twice the destructive

force of dynamite No. 1. As this new material is only some 50 or 60 per cent. more costly than dynamite No. 1, its wide application may be considered probable. This material, known from its peculiar appearance as gelatinized dynamite, possesses the property of becoming greatly reduced in its explosive force by the addition of certain substances, until it cannot be exploded even under the action of rifle balls fired from a distance of 25 yards, so that it may be employed even as charges for heavy guns and torpedoes without the danger of explosion from any adjacent mine. In that it appears to combine all the advantages of compressed gun-cotton as a war material, without its drawbacks, experiments with it have been made under the superintendence of Captain F. Hess, of the Royal and Imperial Ministry of War, and of M. J. Trauzl, with some of the new material manufactured by Messrs. Maehlar & Eschenbacher, of Vienna, whose product contains:
Nitro-glycerine..... 86.45
Soluble gun-cotton..... 9.60
Camphor..... 4.00
Total..... 100.00



According to Engineering, the following are the experiments made:
Experiment A.—Two small pieces of gelatine dynamite were kept under water for 12 days. They lost no weight, nor was their consistence changed during this time. No traces of nitro-glycerine were evolved from the mass, and the upper surface became covered with a hard white film. This extended to a depth of .19 in. but it disappeared after the sample had been left to dry for 24 hours. The destructive force remained unaltered.
Experiment B.—A small cube of gelatine dynamite, measuring .39 in. on a side, was subjected over a period of three hours to a pressure of 2 tons. No traces of exudation were visible, and as soon as the pressure was removed the cube returned to its original form.

Experiment C.—Six cubic inches of gelatine dynamite were piled upon an iron plate recipient measuring 3.9 in. by 3.9 in., .39 in. high. This was then placed on a plate .79 in. thick, and fired at by rifles with a range of 50 yards. No explosion occurred. A charge was then arranged exactly in the same manner behind a steel plate .12 in. thick on a piece of timber 1.03 in. thick. After 10 rounds had been fired without producing any effect the explosive was examined, and it was found that no nitro glycerine had been evolved. A small quantity of gelatine dynamite was placed under a 20 ton steam hammer. After six blows there was no explosion, but with two more the explosive began to burn quietly. The following test was then made: To a rail 14 ft. 9 in. long there was fixed in the middle of its length and close against the flange a sheet-iron box 2.56 in. long, containing 8.7 oz., and 6 ft. from this cart-ridge, on the opposite side of the flange, a similar cart-ridge was secured, and a third one containing ordinary dynamite was placed immediately opposite this latter. The central charge was fired first, and the ordinary dynamite cartridge exploded with the shoe, while the gelatine dynamite cartridge, separated only by the thickness of the web of the rail, remained intact. On two iron plates, placed 7 7/8 in. apart, were placed two lead boxes containing each 7 oz. of gelatine dynamite. One of these charges was exploded, breaking the plate on which it was attached; the adjacent charge was burnt without explosion.

Experiment D.—In an iron envelope was placed 1 1/4 oz. of the explosive, and an attempt was made to discharge it by means of a cap containing one gram of fulminate. The explosion of this cap tore the iron envelope and set the dynamite on fire, but without any explosion. A similar attempt was made with 7 oz. of gelatine dynamite, and a cartridge of No. 3 ordinary dynamite. The explosion set the former on fire, but it did not explode. Cartridges composed of 75 per cent. of nitro-glycerine and 25 per cent. of gun cotton used for discharging ordinary dynamite when frozen, did not effect a complete explosion of the charge, and it was necessary to produce a special firing cartridge for discharging the gelatine dynamite when frozen. This was arrived at by using extra powerful gun cotton saturated with nitro-glycerine. Such cartridges were found to develop the full power of the more dormant explosive. It may be mentioned here that by increasing or diminishing the amount of camphor in the gelatine dynamite its degree of sensibility can now be regulated at will.

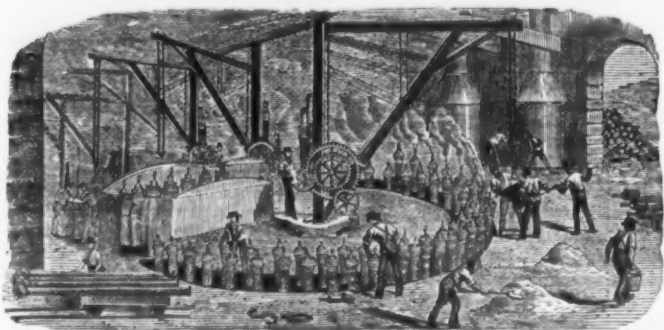
The foregoing experiments were all carried out with the view of determining the comparative safety of the new explosive with ordinary dynamite. We may now pass on to consider another series having for their object the determination of its destructive force.

Experiment E.—An oak beam 11 1/2 in. by 9 1/4 in. and 57 in. long, placed on two bearings 39 in. apart, was broken up by the explosion of 1.5 lb. of gelatine dynamite; an iron plate 11 1/2 in. long 6 1/4 in. wide and 1 1/2 in. thick, placed on two supports 7 7/8 in. apart, was broken into pieces by the explosion of 2.25 lb. of the explosive. A rail 3 3/4 in. wide at the base, 5 3/16 in. high and 2 1/2 in. wide in the head, was broken into a thousand fragments by the explosion of .66 lb. of this material.

These experiments, executed by men so well known as Trauzl, will be accepted as proving conclusively that the new explosive is superior to dynamite in the following points: It may be preserved intact for a long time under water. It does not give off nitro-glycerine even under extreme pressure, nor is it affected by blows or shocks, nor even by explosions occurring very near it. It is not dangerous when brought near fire, but only burns slowly.

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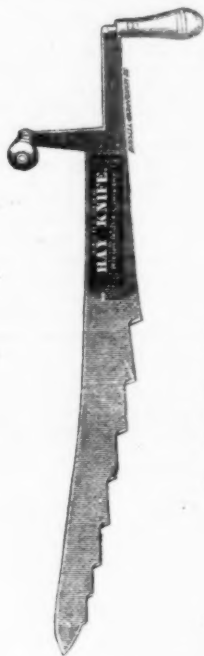
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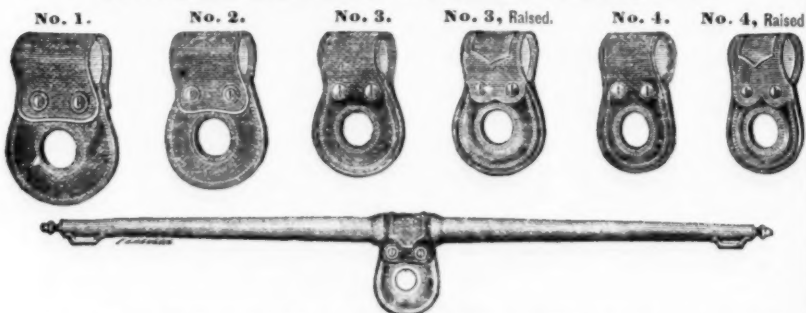
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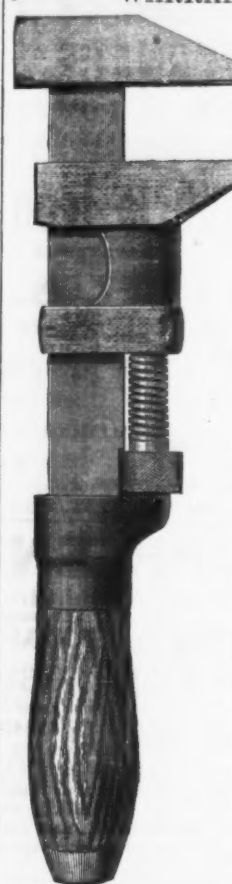
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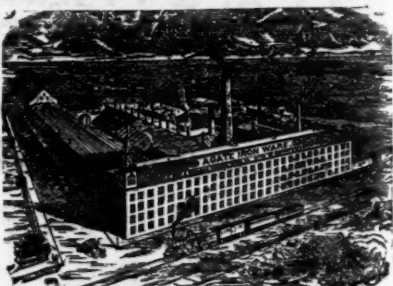
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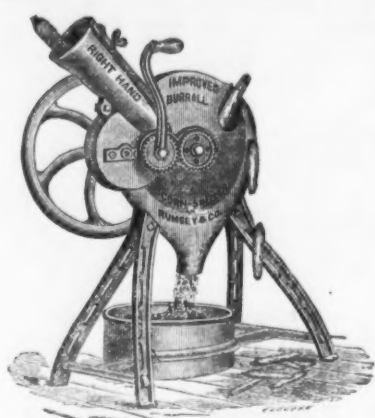
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China as a Market for American Metals and Metal Goods.

The State Department has received the
following from the Consul at Amoy, in con-
tinuation of his report on commerce:

The fourth class of goods on the list of
foreign imports to China is that of metals,
among which iron is the most important.
The trade in this article seems to be on the
increase, but I am inclined to the opinion
that it will not many years continue so.
The mountains of China are full of iron ore,
and in many places it is, and for ages past
has been, worked successfully, though in a
rude way. When modern appliances and
machinery for working the ore to better ad-
vantage have been adopted and the means
of transportation from the interior have
been improved, foreign iron, unmanufac-
tured, will no longer be able to compete
with that from the native mines. Even
now, with all its disadvantages, native pig
iron from the interior can be laid down at
Amoy at about 2 1/4 cents per pound. Our
chief present advantage, if we have any in
this line, consists in our superior facilities
for manufacturing some of the utensils com-
posed of iron which are required by the
Chinese, and no doubt this will continue
with us for many years to come. Take, for
example, the iron pan, that indispensable
culinary implement used throughout China
for boiling sugar, cooking rice, sweet potatoes,
in fact, everything. Perfectly round on the
bottom and spreading rapidly to the rim, it
exposes the largest possible surface to a scanty
and economical fire. There are some 14
different sizes of these pans, varying from
4 feet 8 to 1 foot 8 inches in diameter at the
top. Large quantities are made at the cities
of Changchow and Wahai and Chin Chew
to the west and eastward of Amoy, and a
few at this port, for local use and shipment
to other Chinese ports, Formosa, Manila and
the Straits. They are composed chiefly of
native iron from the interior of the Fairkian
Province. I have thought this matter of
iron pans sufficiently important to justify
me in sending a nest of samples to the De-
partment of State, and shall do so by the
first steamer leaving this for New York.
I append a statement of weights, dimensions,
prices, &c., of the different sizes.

No. 1, iron pan, 4 ft. 8 in. in diameter,
cost, \$11 each; weight, 100 catties.* Used
for boiling sugar, and must be good metal
to stand fierce fires. The demand for these
is comparatively limited.

No. 2, 4 ft. 2 in. diameter; cost, \$5;
weight 86 catties. Same use as No. 1;
demand also limited.

No. 3, 3 ft. 6 in. diameter; cost, \$3;
weight, 54 catties. Important; exported
to Saigon, Rangoon, Bangkok and For-
mosa.

No. 4, 2 ft. 8 in. diameter; cost, \$1.
Used for culinary purposes, and in Singa-
pore for making gambier. Also largely ex-
ported to Manila, Straits and Formosa.

Nos. 5, 2 ft. 6 in.; 6, 2 ft. 4 in.; 7, 2 ft.
1 in.; 8, 1 ft. 8 in.; costing respectively 65,
55, 36, and 30 cents. Cooking pans; im-
portant for home use and exportation.

No. 9, with handle; cost, 22 cents. Not
much used.

Nos. 10, 11, 12, with handle; cost, 16, 15,
and 13 cents. Vegetables, rice, &c.; im-
portant for home and export.

No. 13, with handle, costing 12 cents;
little used.

No. 14, with handle; cost, 8 cents. Ex-
ported in large quantities to Manila for
use in boiling paints, &c., &c.

Although I have sent a complete set, it
will be seen that only Nos. 3, 5, 10, 12 and
14 are worth attention.

Castings for native plows are also made in
great numbers at Amoy and neighboring
non-treaty ports for home use and ship-
ment to Straits settlements, Manila and
Formosa. I also send samples of these cast-
ings, with one stocked ready for use. While
I would by no means recommend the manu-
facture of Chinese plows complete by the
people of the United States, I think it prob-
able these cast mold boards and shears can
be made better and cheaper in the United
States than here. The Chinese do not object
to better and cheaper articles of kinds they
are accustomed to simply on account of their
foreign make, but owing to their stubborn
conservatism they will often refuse a much
better article of foreign manufacture when
slightly different from their own so long
as the latter will at all answer the
purpose, so that in many things and plans
among them, it is probably better for
the present to excel them in the quality and
cheapness of their articles than attempt the
introduction of our own better but different
styles and models.

Most of the samples I send are of castings
for the one-horse plows used in the small
"patches" of the hilly country of the Fair-
kian Province. In the wild fields of For-
mosa and other level sections the larger
sizes are used, and two or even sometimes
three buffaloes are required to draw them.

The present prices of iron are as follows
at Amoy:

Iron, nail rod, foreign, \$3 per picul; iron,
bar, foreign, \$5 per picul; iron wire, for-
eign, no quotation; pig iron, foreign, \$2 per
picul; pig iron, native, \$3 per picul;
pig iron, wrought, native, \$3.20 per picul;
steel, native, \$5 to \$5.50 per picul.

If samples of American iron were kept
on exhibition at the various ports of
China, I have no doubt but a large
trade would soon be built up. Every-
thing that goes to make up cargoes of
American goods for China helps to re-
duce the balance of trade against us and
turn the scale in our favor. No opportunity
should be lost to help along a consummation
so devoutly to be wished.

LEAD.

Lead in pigs is the next item of impor-
tance to the United States in the list of me-
tals imported to China. It seems strange that
not until very recently was the discovery
made that the surplus lead produced in the
silver mines of Nevada, hitherto regarded
as of little value for want of a market, could
be sent to China at a profit and yet sold at a
figure far below the current price of Euro-
pean lead. The quantity required annually
for lining tea boxes and the various pewter
utensils of ornament and use entering into
the daily life is equal to 1 1/2 lbs.

the Chinese domestic economy, is not far
from 180,000 piculs. A discovery of such
importance as the one I have referred to
must exercise a material influence on cargoes
and freights to China not only from London
and San Francisco, but even from New
York, and it is to be hoped will assist in
starting a much-needed line of fast freight
steamers from the latter port to China via
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as peacocks' tails, softer than eider down;
we pass through jasper and porphyry col-
umns into regal halls where the acme of
splendor can go no further; where the walls
are hung with tapestry and crimson satin,
where every chair looks like a throne, and
where on all sides the mirrors reflect the
treasures collected from all parts of the
world. And we are not disappointed. Quitting
the railway at the cheerful,
wealthy little town of Lagny, we drive past
handsome country houses and well-kept
flower gardens, and then gradually ascend
a road winding amid hill and valley up to
the chateau, a graceful structure in white
marble, or so it seems, proudly command-
ing the wide landscape. The flower gardens
are a blaze of colors, and the orange trees
give delicious fragrance as we ascend the ter-
race—ascend, indeed, being hardly the word
applicable to steps sloping so easily up-
ward, and so nicely adjusted to human foot
that climbing Mont Blanc under the same
circumstances could be accomplished with-
out fatigue. It is impossible to give any
idea of the different kinds of magnificence
that greet us on every side. Now a little
Watteau world in tapestries, having for a
background sky-blue satin and roses; now
a dining hall, somber, gorgeous and majes-
tic as that of a Spanish palace; now we are
transported to Persia, China and Japan;
next we find ourselves amid unspokeable
treasures of Italian and other marbles. To
come down to practical details it might
be suggested to the generous owner of this
noble treasure house of art that the briefest
possible catalogue of his choicest treasures
would unspeakably oblige his visitors. There
is hardly a piece of furniture that is not
interesting, alike from a historic and artis-
tic point of view, while some are *chefs
d'œuvre* both in design and execution, and
dazzlingly rich in material. Among these
may be mentioned a pair of chimney orna-
ments, thickly hung with pendants of pre-
cious stones; a piano—which belonged to
Marie Antoinette—the case of which is
formed of tortoise-shell, richly decorated
with gold; a cabinet set with emeralds, sap-
phires and other jewels; another composed
of various precious stones; chairs and
couches covered with exquisite tapestry of
the Louis Quinze period; some rare speci-
mens of old *cloisonné* work, also of Floren-
tine mosaics—these forming a small part of
this magnificent museum. The striking fea-
ture is the great quantity and variety of rich
marbles in every part. One of the stair
cases is entirely formed of different kinds
of rare marble, the effect being extra-
ordinarily imposing. Elsewhere a room is
divided by Corinthian columns of jasper
and porphyry, and on every side is dis-
played a wealth and splendor in this respect
quite unique. Without doubt, nothing lends
such magnificence to interiors as marbles,
but they require the spaciousness and prince-
liness of such a chateau as this to be dis-
played to advantage. Next in importance,
as a matter of mere decoration, must be
cited the tapestries, of which there is a rare
and valuable collection, chiefly in the hall,
so called, and where they are arranged
about the running gallery surmounting the
pictures. What this hall must be worth
would perhaps sound fabulous on paper. It
is here that some of the most precious cabi-
nets are found—treasures of ivory, ebony,
gems, gold and silver—and the pictures
alone represent a princess' dowry. Exam-
ples of some of the great masters are here—
Velasquez, Rembrandt, Rubens, Claude Lor-
raine, Bordone, Reynolds—lastly, among
moderns, Ingres and Hippolyte Flan-
drin. Much might be said about the pictures if space
permitted, but they alone are worth making
the journey from Paris to see. But the *crème
de la crème* of Baron Rothschild's treasure is
not to be found in this sumptuous hall, in
spite of tapestries, pictures, marbles and
rare furniture, nor in the state *salon*, but in
one of the dining rooms, a marvelously rich
and gorgeous apartment, where the wealth
of gold and splendid colors is toned down,
and the eye is rather refreshed than dazzled
by the whole. On the walls, reached from
base to ceiling, are hung a series of six paint-
ings on leather, known as the *cuirs de Cor-
dova*, or leather paintings from Cordova.
They are historical and allegorical subjects,
and are painted in rich colors with a great
abundance of gold on a brown background,
the general effect being that of a study in
gold and brown. When looked at narrowly
we find great dramatic interest in the sub-
jects and a uniform masterliness of execu-
tion, but without a catalogue it is impossible
to give any accurate idea of these gorgeous
paintings. The entire department of *Scine
et Marne* perhaps offers no greater rarity
than these paintings on leather from Cor-
dova, of which we would fain know the his-
tory.

The French seem to be quick in recogniz-
ing the merits of a substance for decorative
purposes. They are now making jewelry
from nickel ore. The ore from the famous
New Caledonia nickel mines has recently
been put on the market under the name
nouméite, in the shape of brooches, earrings
&c. It is greyish green, and has been ex-
tensively used by Christofle & Co.

On the 21st inst. a fatal explosion occur-
red in the coal mine of Handford Brothers
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ing. Eight men were killed and two serious-
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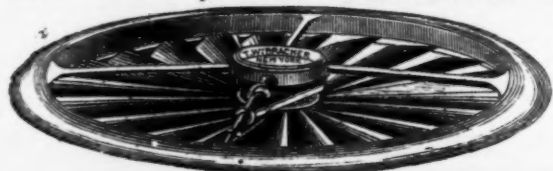


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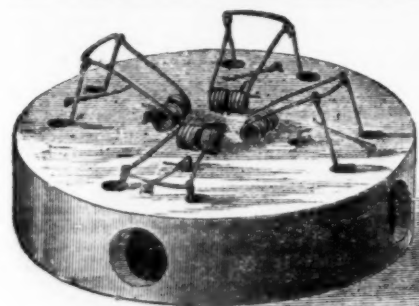
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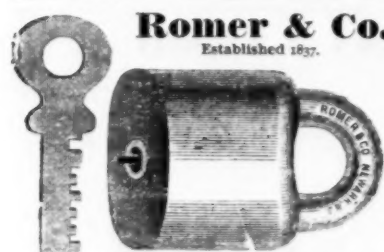
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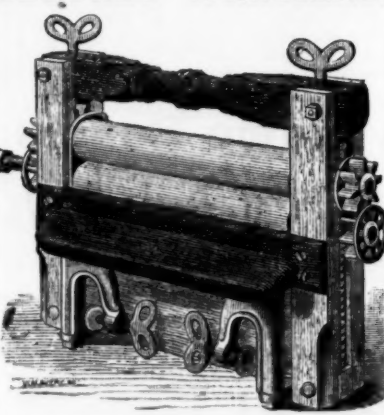
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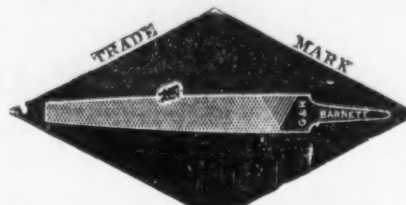


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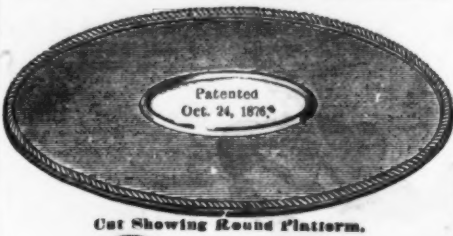
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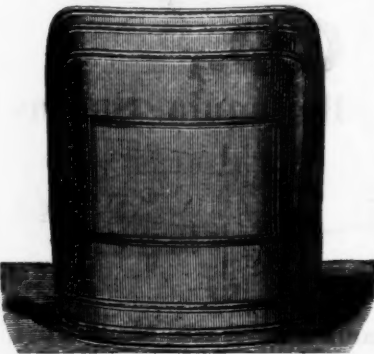
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Metallurgical Notes.

INFLUENCE OF DISTRIBUTION OF BLAST UPON THE WORKING OF LEAD BLAST FURNACES.

C. A. Hering of Freiberg, Saxony, gives
the following data as being the result of a
comparative experiment made at Branbach,
on the Rhine, with two lead blast furnaces
similar in construction, charged with the
same stock and provided with the same
amount of blast, but differing in the number
of tuyeres, the first one having 5 and the
other 7. The following were the results ob-
tained for 1000 kilos. of plumbiferous and
argenteriferous charge:

Flux.....	540 kilos.	416 kilos.
Coke.....	370 "	393 "
Fuel for blower.....	72 "	58 "
Wages.....	2.88 Marks	2.62 Marks
Time.....	115 min.	109 min.
Product—lead.....	490 kilos.	470 kilos.

The matte made ran 5.67 per cent. of lead
for the 5-tuyere furnace and 6.1 per cent.
for the 7-tuyere stack, the corresponding
amounts for the slag being 0.2 to 0.5 per
cent. and 0. to 0.3 per cent. These figures,
it will be seen, speak in favor of a larger
number of tuyeres, but, on the other hand,
more tuyeres cost more, require more fix-
tures and more water, so that it seems to us
doubtful whether in the end there is any real
advantage.

THE THIRD FORM OF CARBON.

Mr. Henry G. Debrunner, chemist of the
Black Diamond Steel Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.,
has, in a letter to the secretary of the Amer-
ican Iron and Steel Association, given the fol-
lowing data on a third form of carbon in steel:
If crucible or Bessemer steel is dissolved in
nitric acid, 1.2 specific gravity, a brown flo-
cculent body is observed to float in the result-
ing solution, which, on the heating of the lat-
ter, will prove soluble, as every one is well
aware who ever made an Eggertz carbon test.
If graphitic or non-combined carbon
be present it will remain undissolved, even
on heating for hours on the water bath, and
will neither be affected by alcohol nor on
treating with diluted solutions of alkali.
If "German steel," blistered bar, or con-
verted steel be subjected to the action of
nitric acid as above, a greenish solution is
obtained, in which a heavy velvet black
powder is observed to accumulate at the
bottom of the vessel. It looks exactly like
graphitic carbon, but essentially differs from
the latter by being perfectly soluble on the
heating of the solution. These facts led
Mr. Debrunner to further investigations,
and finally made him adopt the theory
of a third allotropic modification of car-
bon in steel, in which he considers it
to exist in this case in a semi or half com-
bined form or state. While at the begin-
ning of his investigations he merely thought
of having found a method to determine, in a
comparatively short time, whether an
article be made of German or cast steel, he
found afterward that it also may decide in the
analysis of pig metal, or at least corroborate
results already found, whether an iron be hot
or cold blast metal, and furthermore whether
any malleable and forgeable metal whose
chief constituent is iron (Fe) was carbonized
in a liquid (melted) state, or while semi-solid
or pasty as blister bar or puddled steel.

Hot-blast iron obtained with coke contains
the greater portion of its carbon in the state
of graphite, the remainder as combined
carbon. Hot-blast charcoal pig contains
graphite, combined carbon and semi-com-
bined carbon, combined carbon being pre-
sent to a greater extent than the semi-com-
bined, and the sum of both slightly exceed-
ing, or at least nearly equaling, the percent-
age of graphite. Cold-blast charcoal pig
shows more semi-combined carbon than com-
bined carbon, the sum of both far surpass-
ing the quantity of graphite present. As
the quantity of silicon allows a conclusion
as to whether a metal be hot or cold blast,
so the presence or absence of semi-combined
carbon, together with the above-named
quantitative relations of the graphite, will
decide whether made with coke or charcoal.
Bessemer, open-hearth and crucible steel
contain combined carbon (exceptionally,
also, traces of graphite), but never the semi-
combined modification of carbon. Blister
bar, puddled steel and bloomery
iron are characterized by containing carbon
in that semi-combined state. Hammering
to fine shapes converts a portion of the semi-
combined carbon into the combined modifi-
cation, but not to a sufficient extent so as
not to allow a definite distinction between
blister bar and cast, puddled or Bessemer
steel.

ESTIMATION OF PHOSPHORUS IN IRON AND STEEL.

In the March number of *The Metallurgical
Review*, W. B. Caldwell, Jr., of Louisville,
Ky., published the method adopted by Prof.
Finkner, of Berlin, together with some
modification made in the laboratory of J.
Lawrence Smith. The *Ber. d. Chem. Gesell.*
gives some additional details of Prof.
Finkner's method. He dissolves the iron
in hydrochloric acid of 1.4 spec. grav., evap-
orates to dryness in a porcelain crucible,
heats to 200° to 250° C., dissolves in strong
hydrochloric acid and filters. He precipi-
tates with a molybdic acid solution holding
33 grams molybdic acid, 141 grams nitric
acid and 19.4 grams of ammonia in one liter.
The volume of the precipitating solution
must be at least four times that of the phos-
phorus solution, only two-thirds being de-
composed by the existing phosphoric acid.
For every 100 c. c. of the mixture 25 grams
of nitrate of ammonia must be dissolved in
it. The precipitate is washed with a 20 per
cent. solution of nitrate of ammonia, with
which in the beginning nitric acid to the
amount of one-thirtieth in volume of nitric
acid has been added. In order to convert
the precipitate into a weighable compound,
the greater part of the contents of the filter
is transferred to a weighed porcelain cruci-
ble. The portions adhering to the filter are
dissolved with dilute warm ammonia, which
is concentrated. An excess of nitric acid is
added, and the mass is then brought into the
porcelain crucible, where the liquid is evap-
orated and the nitrate of ammonia is re-
moved by careful heating over a flame
cooled with wire gauze. This does not de-
compose the phospho-molybdate of ammonia,

the water of crystallization only being driven
off. The residue attracts moisture readily,
and must therefore be rapidly weighed.
A second addition of nitrate of ammonia,
&c., changes the weight but very little—
about only 0.1 of 1 per cent. The precipi-
tate contains 72 MoO₃ (9—x), Am₂O—x
H₂O for 3 P₂O₅. In calculating the percent-
age of phosphorus, x may be assumed to be
x=1. Then the precipitate contains 3.791
per cent. P₂O₅. If arsenic acid is present
it enters the precipitate; the latter is then
dissolved in ammonia and the solution satu-
rated with pure sulphuretted hydrogen.
Then an addition of sulphur dissolved in
sulphide of sodium is made, the solution is
warmed, precipitated with hydrochloric
acid, the filtrate boiled down and precipi-
tated again with molybdic acid. Chloride of
iron and soluble silica are stated to be with-
out any injurious effect.

AXLES ON GERMAN RAILROADS.

From a report by the German Railroad
Union, embracing 24 railroad administra-
tions, we gather the following data on the
breakage of axles for the year 1876: Of
7087 locomotives, 6054 tenders and 177,122
cars, one axle broke to every 590 locomo-
tives, 242 tenders and 2725 cars, the average
life of the broken axles and the average dis-
tance run before breaking being, respec-
tively, 11 years and 162,854 miles for loco-
motives, 15 years 9 months and 166,373
miles for tenders, 17 years 7 months and
342,737 miles for passenger cars, and 13
years 6 months and 109,664 miles, respec-
tively, for freight cars. The committee's
report gives the name of the manufacturer
of each broken axle, its material (wrought
iron, puddled steel, Bessemer steel or cast
steel) and the cause of breakage when
known. From this it appears that 74 of the
102 broken axles were of wrought iron, 9 of
puddled steel, 4 of Bessemer steel and 15 of
cast steel. The proportion of steel and iron
axles in use unfortunately is not given, but
the committee say: "When we take into
consideration that of late years most of the
roads have used steel axles only for new
rolling stock and renewals of old, and that
they now form certainly a very large pro-
portion of the whole number in use; fur-
ther, that the axles of the new cars are
much more heavily loaded, and, finally, that
the manufacture of steel axles has had to be
developed and perfected, and that many of
the breakages of axles of that material were
due to the faults of the period of develop-
ment, we are justified in drawing a conclu-
sion from the small number of failures of
such axles favorable to the fitness of steel
for axles." Of the 102 cases of breakage,
42 were in trains going at full speed, 36 at
reduced speed, 24 while stopping—the latter
being mostly in consequence of hot journals.
In former years the result has been quite
similar. The place of the fracture was in
57 cases in the journal, in two outside of the
wheel seat, in 25 inside of the wheel seat, in
10 in the wheel seat and in 8 about the mid-
dle of the axle. Three of the axles were
broken in more than one place. A general
statement of the causes of the breakages at-
tributes 41 of the 102 to "ordinary wear,"
30 to bad material and manufacture, 21 to
hot journals, 5 to bad construction (sharp
angles and insufficient dimensions), and the
other 5 to various causes. "This table,"
say the committee, "teaches further that
the greater part of the breakages could have
been avoided, either by the selection of a
better material, by efforts to avoid hot jour-
nals and by the timely cutting out of the
cars with hot boxes, as also by a more care-
ful inspection of the axles for cracks." The
committee also say: "It must be men-
tioned here that roads which give premiums
for discovering cracks in axles have shown
the best results, and the general intro-
duction of the practice of giving such premiums
is strongly to be recommended." One rail-
road gave 72 such premiums in 1876 and 99
in 1877, and that road—which is one of the
most important in Austria—had no axles
broken under cars while running, and con-
sequently no accidents from broken axles.

THE GODFREY-HOWSON PUDDLING FURNACE IN FRANCE.

The following data on the work of the
Godfrey-Howson rotary puddling furnace
in France have been given by Mr. R.
Howson, one of the inventors of the furnace,
to the Institute of North Staffordshire Min-
ing and Mechanical Engineers. At the
Tamaris Works of the Terrenoire Company,
M. Escalle, a well-known French metal-
lurgist, reports that a pig iron holding only
about 0.5 per cent. of silicon and a similar
amount of phosphorus, taken direct from
the blast furnace, did not require more than
25 minutes, and that the amount of phosphorus
removed was greater than he, M. Escalle,
had ever experienced. Similarly, the ex-
periments at the works of Messrs. de Wendell
at Hayange were satisfactory. On the
other hand, fairly good bar only, holding as
much as 30 per cent. of phosphorus, was
produced from pig with 1.70 per cent. at the
works of Dupont & Fould, Pompey. This
Mr. Howson attributes to the high percent-
age of silicon, 1.4 per cent., which he claims
renders phosphoric pig unfit for puddling.
At Fourchambault the balls as they came
from the furnace were hammered into solid
homogeneous blooms, which were at once
heated and rolled into finished bars direct
and without piling. The pig, holding only
.27 per cent. of phosphorus but 3.0 per cent.
of silicon, was puddled in a half-hour heat.

The *Bulletin of the American Iron and
Steel Association* makes the following state-
ment in reference to some recent experi-
ments with the Chapin and Brady's Bond
processes. Some time last summer consid-
erable mention was made in the newspapers
of a new process of puddling, the invention
of a Rev. Dr. Chapin, of Ohio. The process
has recently been tested by practical men,
and almost every trial resulted in a chill,
while none gave satisfactory results. It is
no doubt a complete failure. A new method
of making steel by a direct process was also
heralded far and wide last summer as having
been set in motion at an abandoned furnace
at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania. The enter-
prise has entirely collapsed, the sheriff hav-
ing appeared on the ground with a very old
process of his own. We need scarcely add
that no steel was made.



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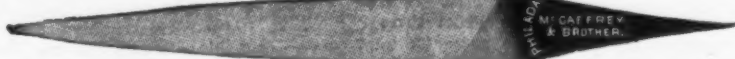
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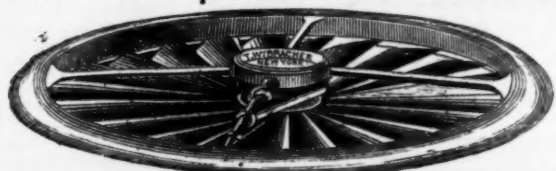


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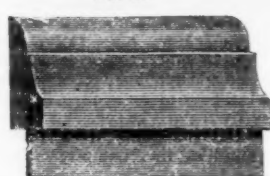
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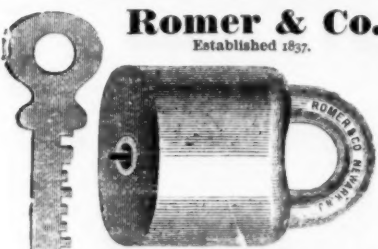
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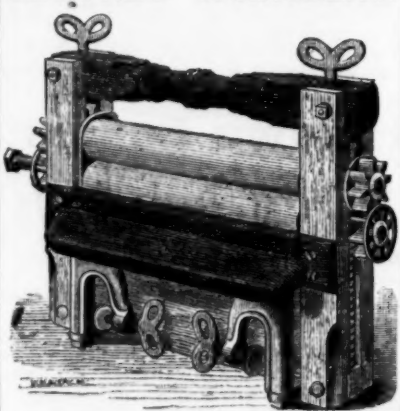
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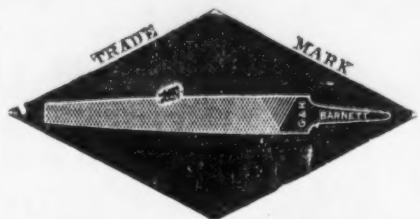
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Metallurgical Notes.

INFLUENCE OF DISTRIBUTION OF BLAST UPON THE WORKING OF LEAD BLAST FURNACES.

C. A. Hering of Freiberg, Saxony, gives
the following data as being the result of a
comparative experiment made at Braunbach,
on the Rhine, with two lead blast furnaces
similar in construction, charged with the
same stock and provided with the same
amount of blast, but differing in the number
of tuyeres, the first one having 5 and the
other 7. The following were the results ob-
tained for 1000 kilos. of plumbiferous and
argentiferous charge:

Flux.....	540 kilos.	416 kilos.
Coke.....	370 "	323 "
Fuel for blower.....	72 "	58 "
Wages.....	2.88 Marks	2.62 Marks
Time.....	115 min.	103 min.
Product—lead.....	490 kilos.	470 kilos.

The matte made ran 5.67 per cent. of lead
for the 5-tuyere furnace and 6.1 per cent.
for the 7-tuyere stack, the corresponding
amounts for the slag being 0.2 to 0.5 per
cent. and 0. to 0.3 per cent. These figures,
it will be seen, speak in favor of a larger
number of tuyeres, but, on the other hand,
more tuyeres cost more, require more fix-
tures and more water, so that it seems to us
doubtful whether in the end there is any real
advantage.

THE THIRD FORM OF CARBON.

Mr. Henry G. Debrunner, chemist of the
Black Diamond Steel Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.,
has, in a letter to the secretary of the Amer-
ican Iron and Steel Association, given the fol-
lowing data on a third form of carbon in steel:
If crucible or Bessemer steel is dissolved in
nitric acid, 1.2 specific gravity, a brown flo-
cculent body is observed to float in the result-
ing solution, which, on the heating of the lat-
ter, will prove soluble, as every one is well
aware who ever made an Eggertz carbon test.
If graphitic or non-combined carbon be
present it will remain undissolved, even on
heating for hours on the water bath, and
will neither be affected by alcohol nor on
treating with diluted solutions of alkali.
If "German steel," blistered bar, or con-
verted steel be subjected to the action of
nitric acid as above, a greenish solution is
obtained, in which a heavy velvet black
powder is observed to accumulate at the
bottom of the vessel. It looks exactly like
graphitic carbon, but essentially differs from
the latter by being perfectly soluble on the
heating of the solution. These facts led
Mr. Debrunner to further investigations,
and finally made him adopt the theory
of a third allotropic modification of car-
bon in steel, in which he considers it
to exist in this case in a semi or half
combined form or state. While at the begin-
ning of his investigations he merely thought
of having found a method to determine, in a
comparatively short time, whether an
article be made of German or cast steel, he
found afterward that it also may decide in the
analysis of pig metal, or at least corroborate
results already found, whether an iron be hot
or cold blast metal, and furthermore whether
any malleable and forgeable metal whose
chief constituent is iron (Fe) was carbonized
in a liquid (melted) state, or while semi-solid
or pasty as blister bar or puddled steel. Hot-
blast pig iron obtained with coke contains
the greater portion of its carbon in the state
of graphite, the remainder as combined
carbon: Hot-blast charcoal pig contains
graphite, combined carbon and semi-com-
bined carbon, combined carbon being pres-
ent to a greater extent than the semi-com-
bined, and the sum of both slightly exceed-
ing, or at least nearly equaling, the percent-
age of graphite. Cold-blast charcoal pig
shows more semi-combined carbon than com-
bined carbon, the sum of both far surpass-
ing the quantity of graphite present. As
the quantity of silicon allows a conclusion
as to whether a metal be hot or cold blast,
so the presence or absence of semi-combined
carbon, together with the above-named
quantitative relations of the graphite, will
decide whether made with coke or charcoal.
Bessemer, open-hearth and crucible steel
contain combined carbon (exceptionally,
also, traces of graphite), but never the semi-
combined modification of carbon. Blister
bar, puddled steel and puddle and bloomary
iron are characterized by containing carbon
in that semi-combined state. Hammering
to fine shape converts a portion of the semi-
combined carbon into the combined modifi-
cation, but not to a sufficient extent so as
not to allow a definite distinction between
blister bar and cast, puddled or Bessemer
steel.

ESTIMATION OF PHOSPHORUS IN IRON AND STEEL.

In the March number of *The Metallurgical
Review*, W. B. Caldwell, Jr., of Louisville,
Ky., published the method adopted by Prof.
Finkener, of Berlin, together with some
modification made in the laboratory of J.
Lawrence Smith. The *Ber. d. Chem. Gesell.*
gives some additional details of Prof.
Finkener's method. He dissolves the iron
in hydrochloric acid of 1.4 spec. grav., evap-
orates to dryness in a porcelain crucible,
heats to 200° to 250° C., dissolves in strong
hydrochloric acid and filters. He precipi-
tates with a molybdic acid solution holding
33 grams molybdic acid, 141 grams nitric
acid and 10.4 grams ammonia in one liter.
The volume of the precipitating solution
must be at least four times that of the phos-
phorus solution, only two-thirds being de-
composed by the existing phosphoric acid.
For every 100 c. c. of the mixture 25 grams
of nitrate of ammonia must be dissolved in
it. The precipitate is washed with a 20 per
cent. solution of nitrate of ammonia, with
which in the beginning nitric acid to the
amount of one-thirtieth in volume of nitric
acid has been added. In order to convert
the precipitate into a weighable compound,
the greater part of the contents of the filter
is transferred to a weighed porcelain cruci-
ble. The portions adhering to the filter are
dissolved with dilute warm ammonia, which
is concentrated. An excess of nitric acid is
added, and the mass is then brought into the
porcelain crucible, where the liquid is evap-
orated and the nitrate of ammonia is re-
moved by careful heating over a flame
cooled with wire gauze. This does not de-
compose the phospho-molybdate of ammonia,

the water of crystallization only being driven
off. The residue attracts moisture readily,
and must therefore be rapidly weighed.
A second addition of nitrate of ammonia,
&c., changes the weight but very little—
about only 0.1 of 1 per cent. The precipi-
tate contains 72 MoO₃ (9—x), AmO₃—x
H₂O for 3 P₂O₅. In calculating the percent-
age of phosphorus, x may be assumed to be
x = 1. Then the precipitate contains 3.794
per cent. P₂O₅. If arsenic acid is present
it enters the precipitate; the latter is then
dissolved in ammonia and the solution satu-
rated with pure sulphuretted hydrogen.
Then an addition of sulphur dissolved in
sulphide of sodium is made, the solution is
warmed, precipitated with hydrochloric
acid, the filtrate boiled down and precipi-
tated again with molybdic acid. Chloride of
iron and soluble silica are stated to be with-
out any injurious effect.

AXLES ON GERMAN RAILROADS.

From a report by the German Railroad
Union, embracing 24 railroad administra-
tions, we gather the following data on the
breakage of axles for the year 1876: Of
7037 locomotives, 6054 tenders and 177,122
cars, one axle broke to every 590 loco-
motives, 242 tenders and 2725 cars, the average
life of the broken axles and the average dis-
tance run before breaking being, respec-
tively, 11 years and 162,854 miles for loco-
motives, 15 years 9 months and 166,373
miles for tenders, 17 years 7 months and
342,737 miles for passenger cars, and 13
years 6 months and 109,664 miles, respec-
tively, for freight cars. The committee's
report gives the name of the manufacturer
of each broken axle, its material (wrought
iron, puddled steel, Bessemer steel or cast
steel) and the cause of breakage when
known. From this it appears that 74 of the
102 broken axles were of wrought iron, 9 of
puddled steel, 4 of Bessemer steel and 15 of
cast steel. The proportion of steel and iron
axles in use unfortunately is not given, but
the committee say: "When we take into
consideration that of late years most of the
roads have used steel axles only for new
rolling stock and renewals of old, and that
they now form certainly a very large por-
tion of the whole number in use; fur-
ther, that the axles of the new cars are
much more heavily loaded, and, finally, that
the manufacture of steel axles has had to be
developed and perfected, and that many of
the breakages of axles of that material were
due to the faults of the period of develop-
ment, we are justified in drawing a conclu-
sion from the small number of failures of
such axles favorable to the fitness of steel
for axles." Of the 102 cases of breakages,
42 were in trains going at full speed, 36 at
reduced speed, 24 while stopping—the latter
being mostly in consequence of hot journals.
In former years the result has been quite
similar. The place of the fracture was in
57 cases in the journal, in two outside of the
wheel seat, in 25 inside of the wheel seat, in
10 in the wheel seat and in 8 about the mid-
dle of the axle. Three of the axles were
broken in more than one place. A general
statement of the causes of the breakages at-
tributes 41 of the 102 to "ordinary wear,"
30 to bad material and manufacture, 21 to
hot journals, 5 to bad construction (sharp
angles and insufficient dimensions), and the
other 5 to various causes. "This table,"
says the committee, "teaches further that
the greater part of the breakages could have
been avoided, either by the selection of a
better material, by efforts to avoid hot jour-
nals and by the timely cutting out of the
cars with hot boxes, as also by a more care-
ful inspection of the axles for cracks." The
committee also say: "It must be men-
tioned here that roads which give premiums
for discovering cracks in axles have shown
the best results, and the general introduc-
tion of the practice of giving such premiums
is strongly to be recommended." One rail-
road gave 72 such premiums in 1876 and 99
in 1877, and that road—which is one of the
most important in Austria—had no axles
broken under cars while running, and con-
sequently no accidents from broken axles.

THE GODFREY-HOWSON PUDDLING FURNACE IN FRANCE.

The following data on the work of the
Godfrey-Howson rotary puddling furnace
in France have been given by Mr. R.
Howson, one of the inventors of the furnace,
to the Institute of North Staffordshire Min-
ing and Mechanical Engineers. At the
Tamaris Works of the Terrenoire Company,
M. Escalle, a well-known French metal-
lurgist, reports that a pig iron holding only
about 0.5 per cent. of silicon and a similar
amount of phosphorus, taken direct from
the blast furnace, did not require more than
25 minutes, and that the amount of phospho-
rus removed was greater than he, M. Escalle,
had ever experienced. Similarly, the ex-
periments at the works of Messrs. de Wendell
at Hayange were satisfactory. On the
other hand, fairly good bar only, holding as
much as 30 per cent. of phosphorus, was
produced from pig with 1.70 per cent. at the
works of Dupont & Fould, Pompey. This
Mr. Howson attributes to the high percent-
age of silicon, 1.4 per cent., which he claims
renders phosphoric pig unfit for puddling.
At Fourchambault the balls as they came
from the furnace were hammered into solid
homogeneous blooms, which were at once
heated and rolled into finished bars direct
and without piling. The pig, holding only
.27 per cent. of phosphorus but 3.0 per cent.
of silicon, was puddled in a half-hour heat.

The *Bulletin of the American Iron and
Steel Association* makes the following state-
ment in reference to some recent experi-
ments with the Chapin and Brady's Bend
processes. Some time last summer consid-
erable mention was made in the newspapers
of a new process of puddling, the invention
of a Rev. Dr. Chapin, of Ohio. The process
has recently been tested by practical men,
and almost every trial resulted in a chill,
while none gave satisfactory results. It is
no doubt a complete failure. A new method
of making steel by a direct process was also
heralded far and wide last summer as having
been set in motion at an abandoned furnace
at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania. The enter-
prise has entirely collapsed, the sheriff hav-
ing appeared on the ground with a very old
process of his own. We need scarcely add
that no steel was made.

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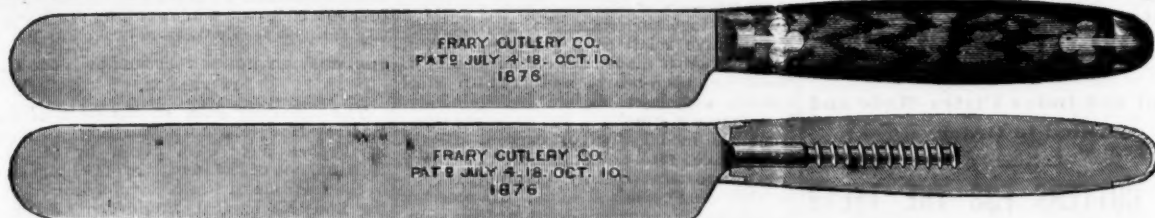
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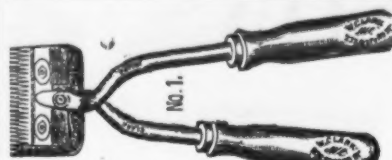
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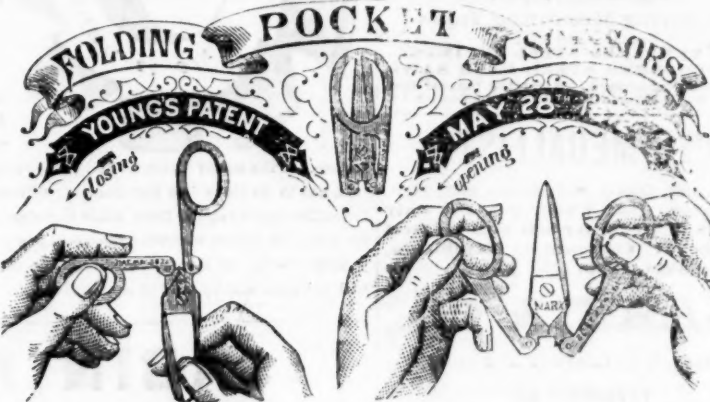
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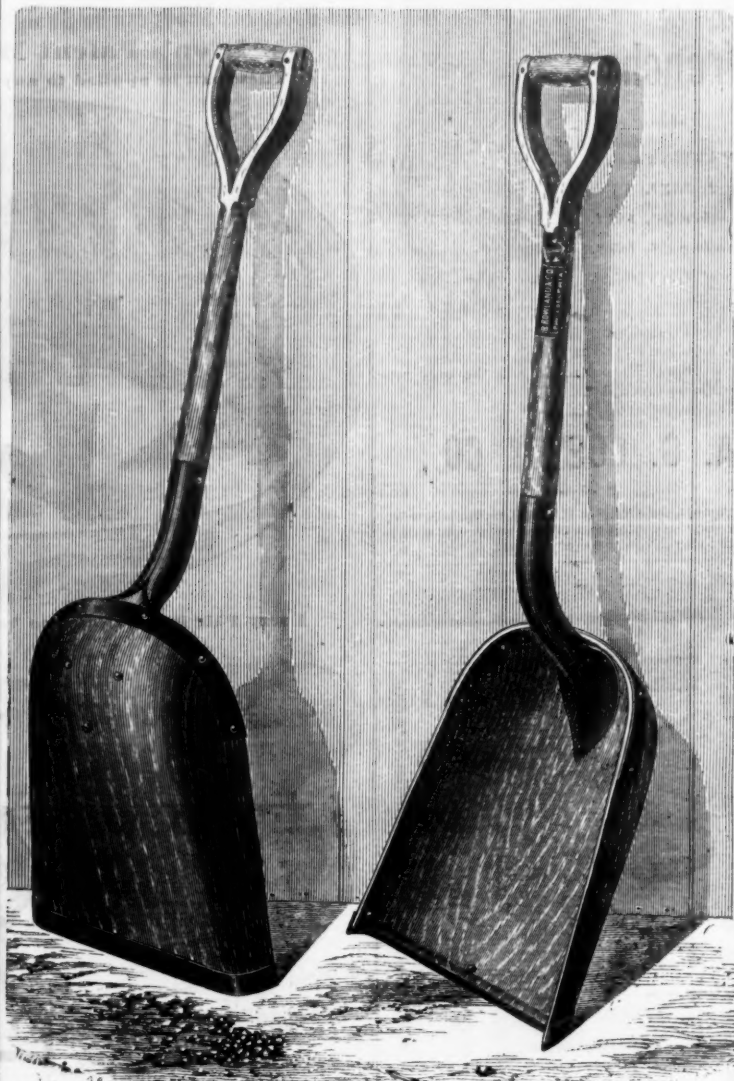
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To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: Referring to the concluding passage in an editorial article entitled as above, and contained in your most valuable paper of Oct. 3, 1878, I presume those of your readers interested in this matter will find it of value to know in what manner protection is afforded to them under the provisions of the German trade-mark law of Nov. 30, 1874.

Paragraph 14 of the German trade-mark law reads thus: "Whoever knowingly and illegally applies to merchandise or to the packing thereof a trade-mark protected under the provisions of this law, or who applies the name or the firm of a domestic manufacturer or tradesman, or who puts into market or keeps for sale merchandise thus illegally marked, will be fined from 150 to 3000 marks, or imprisoned for not more than 6 months, and will be held for damages in favor of the party damaged." As to the "name or firm of a domestic manufacturer or tradesman," I beg to remark that Americans enjoy the rights of such domestic manufacturers, &c., in accordance with the stipulations agreed upon in the commercial treaty between the United States and Germany of Dec. 11, 1871, article 17, and according to section 20 of the trade-mark law. The conclusion of your editorial article of Oct. 3, 1878, reading, "the responsible manufacturers do not do it, and those who do are hard to catch," is liable to lead to the impression that the manufacturers are the only responsible parties. Now, everybody keeping for sale goods provided with an imitated trade-mark is responsible. It may sometimes be a matter of some difficulty to prove that such party has knowingly made use of the imitation; but as he is held by the court to answer from whom he has purchased the goods thus illegally marked, it will be an easy task to find out the responsible imitator. As the guilty defendant is bound to pay damages to his prosecutor, I cannot see how prosecuting a trade-mark in Germany could ever become a costly affair, especially as in accordance with the spirit of paragraph 17 of the trade-mark law it is understood that the condemned imitator be held for all the cost arising out of the respective law suit. All imitated labels found in possession of the defrauder, or the goods or the packing containing the trade-mark illegally applied, are destroyed, and the plaintiff may publicly advertise the sentence of the court at the defrauder's expense. I really cannot see what fairer inducements any legislation could have offered for the protection of trade-marks. I do not deny that the German manufacturer and tradesman, particularly in some of the so-called petty States, incline very much to make use of a cheap imitation of saleable foreign goods. But this may be attributed mainly to the former lawless state of things in the thirty and odd different German States. Now that there is a uniform patent and trade-mark law for the entire German empire, matters will soon show themselves in a different light; they even now look by far better than they did a year or two ago, for both the patent and the trade-mark law are enforced most vigorously. If your manufacturers would but make use of the laws they would find no reason for further complaints, but they really do not avail themselves of the protection offered to them.

For having a trade-mark protected in the German Empire it is necessary for an American to prove that this very same trade-mark is duly protected in the United States in favor of the petitioner. Such proof—a copy from the records signed by the respective clerk or commissioner—must be legalized by a German consul. The protection covers 10 years, and can then be extended, but it expires with the protection in the United States. It must be stated what class of goods the trade-mark shall be used with, but it need not be said "cutlery, hinges, tools, &c.," it will suffice to say, "hardware, dry goods, &c." A power of attorney, verified by a German consul, will be required. The petitioner must also furnish a wood block for the publication of his trade-mark, and half-a-dozen labels showing the trade-mark. The said wood block (best size about 1 1/2 inch square) will be returned to the petitioner. The trade-marks are registered at the Handels-gericht at Leipzig. The official cost (government fee) is 50 marks; six marks must be paid for official publication provided the wood block does not exceed the above size. If made in Germany it would cost about five to six marks. The official interpreter and counsellor at the court at Leipzig charges 30 marks, and if 30 more marks are added for the attorney's full charges, the entire cost of registration for 10 years would not exceed \$30. I know that several American manufacturers could not produce the proof of their trade-mark being protected in the United States. Such a case of emergency they could possibly have met by asking their agents at Hamburg or Bremen to have those trade-marks registered in their, the agents', names. My candid opinion is that if your exporting manufacturers will place themselves under the German trade-mark law, their just complaints about imitation of their labels will soon cease, at least so far as Germany is concerned. Very respectfully,
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delphia and Liverpool, which is to be called the Blue Star Line, after the flag of the London house which is the heaviest owner of the steamers that are to be employed. The first steamer will be dispatched from this port the first week in December, and the line will start with seven vessels. In March the service will be increased by six more steamers, making a fleet of 13 in all. From December until March two steamers will depart from each end of the line weekly, and after March there will be tri-weekly sailings. It must be borne in mind that this is entirely independent of the regular passenger service of the American Line and of the Red Star to Antwerp, which latter, by the way, will also be augmented by three steamers, one, the Zealand, having already taken her place, and two more which are building at Barrow, England, one to be ready in March and the other in May. It will thus be seen that during the coming year there will be a transatlantic steamer departing and arriving at Philadelphia at least on five days per week.

The Blue Line steamers are all staunch iron vessels and comparatively new. They are British built and owned by British capitalists. They have been engaged in the East Indian, Australian and North American trades. The names of the seven which are to begin running in December are the Naples, Timoor, Suez, Antonio, Athens, Devonshire and Costello. The names of the six which are to be added in March are the Lord Clive, Lord Gough, Tuscany, Sicily, Thessaly and City of Bristol.

The terminus of the line at this port will be Girard Point, which is destined to become a scene of busy activity. The terminal facilities already existing are being materially enlarged by the addition of store houses, sheds, hoisting apparatus and railroad sidings. Several piers for the accommodation of the steamers are now in progress of construction. The Blue Star Line will engage in a general freight business, carrying no passengers. The steamers are to be especially fitted up for the transportation of cattle on the hoof, and in all of them important changes as regards ventilating, feeding and storage facilities, must be made. It is quite possible that these alterations will be made at the Delaware River ship yards. It is certain some of the work will be done here. The steamers will also largely engage in the grain, provision, petroleum, cotton and tobacco trades, and the whole system of the Pennsylvania Railroad will be brought into requisition to load these ships. The enterprise is expected to give a great impetus to the export trade, not only of Philadelphia, but the West and South.

The Contemplated Hudson River Tunnel.

This project lags, but interest in it has not died out, judging from the inquiries of our correspondents. The scheme is fathomed by Col. D. C. Haskin, of California, who seeks to associate with him actively Tronor W. Park, Senator Jones and others. As we learn from those best informed, he is again busy with the finances and speaks hopefully with reference to resuming work. As a matter of fact the whole enterprise appears to stand exactly where it did about a year ago, when it was announced that litigation with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company had ended and that no further legal impediments remained. Col. W. H. Payne, the engineer, who has been seen by a representative of *The Iron Age*, says that nothing has been done in the work of construction, the deep pit in Jersey City remaining undisturbed. When the finances are arranged it will not take long to begin. The attorneys of the company, whose office is in Montgomery street, Jersey City, were also called upon. Mr. White said it was correct that the company had been incorporated with an adequate capital, articles to this effect having been taken out both in the State of New York and in New Jersey, but he could give little further information. Mr. W. W. Evans, consulting engineer, now absent in Holland, was recently asked for his views on the subject, and remarked that while the scheme was feasible it was envied by much difficulty, on account of the treacherous nature of silt, in which two-thirds of the work must be done. The Hudson River tunnel will be a much more serious undertaking than the Thames tunnel. Mr. Evans was not sure of the ability of compressed air to sustain the bed of the river as the tunnel advances. He thought, however, that the finding of space within New York city sufficient for depot accommodations, turn tables, &c., might be the most serious difficulty. Property owners would object to the use of Washington Square for such purposes. In regard to some other plan than compressed air, Mr. Evans remarked that there were few competent authorities who could be consulted in matters relating to tunnel construction. Probably none were better qualified to speak than the builder of the tunnel under the lake at Chicago for the water works. He thought it probable that Col. Haskin would first try compressed air, and, this failing, would resort to some other expedient. He did not fear inundated silt, but they were liable to encounter "pockets" of confined gas, which might prove mischievous, not only by letting in water, but by injuring the workmen. He would much prefer to run the tunnel deeper and cut through the rock. According to the survey already made, about two-thirds of the cutting would be through silt. In penetrating the latter there would be timber uprights on either side, with a cap on top to support sheeting, driven in advance. This was the common method in California, where Col. Haskin is everywhere known as a successful contractor and practical man, and where his own acquaintance with him as an engineer was first made.

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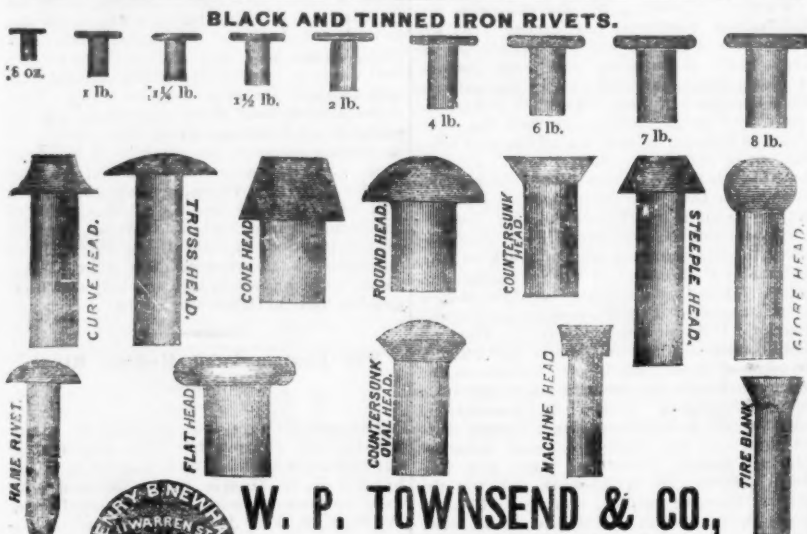
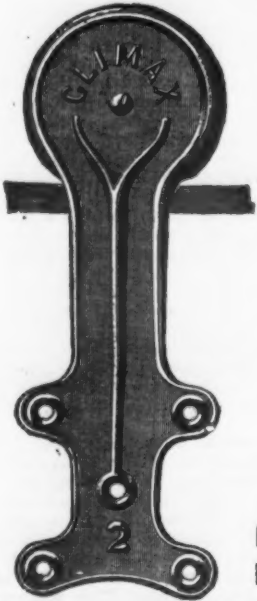
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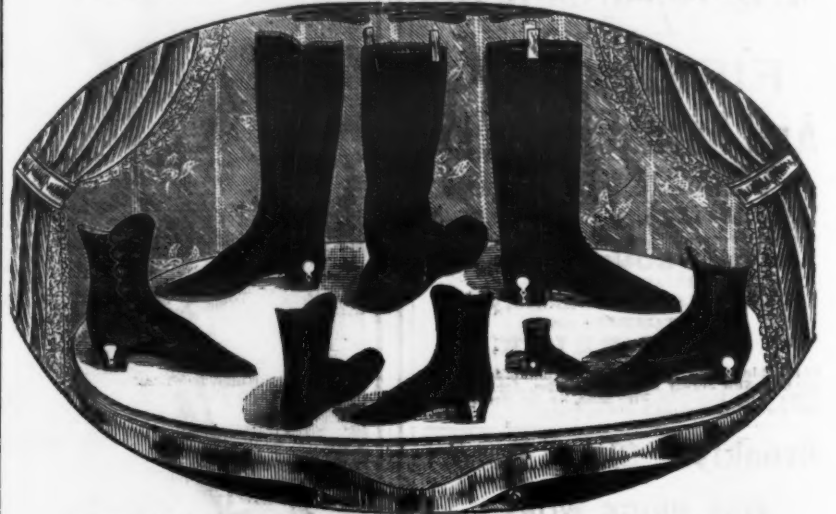
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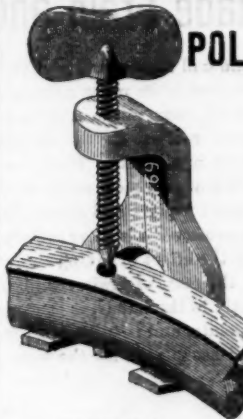
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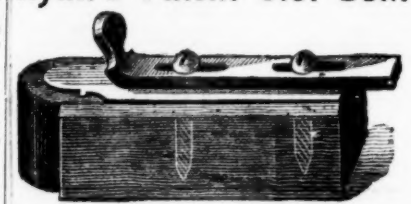
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Reciprocity with the Sandwich Islands turns out to be a very one-sided affair. Dr. Scott, United States Consul at Honolulu, has submitted to the Secretary of State an official communication in which he argues that the existing treaty of reciprocity between the United States and the Hawaiian Kingdom should be amended. He says the value of the articles imported into this country from the Sandwich Islands is six times that of our exports to them, and that

we receive no adequate return for our relinquishment of customs duties on the Hawaiian sugar and rice products. This is only another illustration of the fact that one nation does not buy of another any more than she wants (and would want in any event) simply because reciprocity has been established. The talk of foreign newspapers about the advantages we should derive from free trade as regards our exports, is mostly "gammon." For example, it is not likely that the reciprocity which the French people desire would make them any better customers than they now are for our manufactures, while it would give them enormous advantages in our markets. The course of foreign trade is never influenced by sentimental considerations.

The Business Situation in England.

The recent failure of the Glasgow Bank and of the banks and firms that went down with it, calls attention to one fact which merits careful consideration. We refer to the unfavorable course of the foreign trade of Great Britain during the past few years. The record of the Bank of Glasgow illustrates the recklessness of the efforts to obtain relief. Upward of 5,000,000 pounds sterling were lost in the struggle by this one bank. A short time after the closing of the Glasgow institution and the houses in the India trade that followed, a large Liverpool house in the South American trade suspended, and windings over the "rottenness" of both East India and South American trade followed. There is no doubt some truth in the statement that the depreciation in silver, which these houses were compelled to receive in payment for goods, contributed largely to their disasters, and also that competition was so great that they were not able to make up their losses by advancing prices to compensate for the depreciation. The fact that the East Indian government has decided to make gold the standard, is proof that these statements are not mere excuses to account for the results of a mistaken business policy. But this is not all. The trouble is deeper than that. England is a vast workshop, and from the same causes that bring distress and ruin to a corporation or an individual workshop, this national one must suffer also. When a firm or corporation or an individual pays out more than he receives, if he has a large bank balance or good credit he can continue for some time—in fact, until his balance and his credit are both exhausted; but there comes a day of reckoning at last. This is the condition of England. She is beginning to feel the stress of the constant drain of capital consequent on the adverse balance of trade. "Discounts are higher now," says the *London Economist*, "than they were" last year, for the simple reason that the "market is poorer in loanable funds." The Bank of England's reserves are at a low point, and it has been paying for American and French gold coin at the rate of one farthing per dollar, or one-half of one per cent. more than usual. The reason for this is simply that England has come to rely upon other nations for a market for her goods and they have failed her, while she has been forced to take from those nations as much as she ever did of certain classes of products. In a recently published interview the president of the Bank of Leeds is reported as saying: "What are you Americans going to do with us? It is you that are giving us so much stagnation and distress. We have come to rely upon you for our breadstuffs and meat. You used to deal it out on this side and take our goods in return. You take nothing now, and are drawing the money from our bank vaults."

Were it not for the condition of our industries we would be "dealing out" and "taking in return" still. It has been toward such a policy that English economists have been urging us for years. We have been implored again and again to produce what we could produce the cheapest, and buy from England what she could produce cheaper than we. We have been asked to send our breadstuffs, meat and other provisions and take English cottons and iron in payment, and stop manufacturing them because we could not do it as cheaply as England. We have refused, and the wisdom of our choice is apparent. To-day we are virtually the only country that has a balance of trade in its favor; \$257,814,234 excess of exports of domestic merchandise over net imports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, is not a bad showing. England has been neglecting her agricultural development and has fostered manufacturing. To be sure the amount of available land for tillage is small, and the laws of that country tend to make the amount still less; but conceding this, all has not been done to raise her own supplies in Great Britain and Ireland that might have been. It is stated that during the past year the British importation of cereals has reached the enormous figure of £65,000,000 or \$325,000,000. Other nations can stop buying her manufactures, but her people must have food.

One effect of the present financial situation in England will undoubtedly be such a shrinkage in capital and wages as will greatly reduce the cost of all British manufactures. Heretofore when one market has been lost to England, or competition was so great in a certain market that there was no longer any profit to be made, she turned to others; but now all are equally unprofitable, and the only relief is to be found in

cheapening production. Iron, as is well known, has declined heavily in England since the Glasgow failure. Wages in the South Staffordshire district have followed—Mr. Chamberlain, as the result of an arbitration, decreeing a 5 per cent. reduction. Wages in other iron districts must also be reduced, and in some they have already fallen. In other trades connected with the iron industry reductions must take place. The result of all this will be a reduction in the ability of England to consume American provisions, while we shall experience more difficulty in meeting her competition in the markets of the world. What will be the effect of the foreign complications which menace Great Britain cannot now be predicted.

The Rise in Tin.

Since we wrote editorially concerning tin early in August last, the metal has been subject to extreme fluctuations. Straits tin began the year at £66 per ton in London and at 15½ cents per pound at New York, and thenceforward slowly declined until it reached 13½ cents in September in this city, and about the middle of October £52. 15/ in London. This market was the first to give signs of improvement, owing in part to a remarkable steadiness in the demand for actual consumption throughout the summer months, and in part to a casual falling off in the visible supply early in the fall. The quantity known to be on the way from the Straits to arrive up to January 1st, proved to be but 4000 slabs on the 1st of October. These circumstances caused some larger operators and dealers in this city and vicinity to secure whatever they could buy during the latter part of September, and it was soon discovered that the control of the market had passed into strong hands. When these facts became known in England and Holland, confidence in the immediate future of tin was somewhat strengthened, but the still unfavorable statistical situation held in check an immediate rebound during the first week in October, the statistics at the time being as follows:

	Oct. 1, 1878.	Oct. 1, 1877.	Oct. 1, 1876.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
London.....	10,029	9,269	7,912
Banca in Holland.....	2,587	2,270	2,459
Bilbiliton.....	1,678	1,448	951
Australian.....	426	577	795
Total.....	14,720	13,570	12,127

	Oct. 1, 1878.	Oct. 1, 1877.	Oct. 1, 1876.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Straits.....	150	55	660
Australian.....	2,170	2,250	1,700
Banca.....	262	19	218
Bilbiliton.....	975	800	1,000
Total.....	3,557	3,124	3,578

The visible supply, therefore, proved to be 18,277, against 16,694 on Oct. 1, 1877, and 15,705 on Oct. 1, 1876. Compared with previous years it showed a notable excess, but compared with the visible supply Sept. 1, which had been 18,672 tons, it showed a slight improvement, the decrease being 395 tons. At this juncture the various great failures in England occurred, and had the effect of causing a semi-panic in many speculative articles of merchandise there, including tin, which dropped at once to the unprecedentedly low figure of £52. 15/ per ton for Straits. This had no effect here, however, the position of the metal being intrinsically too strong on this side. After a few days the failures in England began to be viewed with less alarm, notwithstanding their continuance, and the decline in tin was not only promptly recovered, but this tendency was even improved upon in a striking manner, the market advancing altogether about 23 per cent., or £12, the most rapid rebound witnessed in London for many years. At first this improvement was looked upon as altogether too great and too rapid to last, in the face of the still large visible supply and the demoralization in general trade inseparable from continued heavy failures in many branches. But in spite of all these circumstances the metal steadied at the advance. It will consequently be of interest to discover the reasons for its strength. Prominent among these has been a sudden abatement in Australian shipments to London, announced in October, and the simultaneous receipt of letters fully explaining that prospective production at the antipodes had been greatly exaggerated, and that low prices had begun to tell; that besides, with the dry summer season drawing near, there is every likelihood of light shipments thence all the way into our spring months. Distribution to consumption was at the same time on a larger scale than usual in England and Holland; and coinciding as all these facts did with the favorable aspect on this side, the movement seemed legitimate enough. An advance to 17 cents was the response from this side, and the late speculators for a fall in Europe and America were reluctantly compelled to cover their outstanding contracts at these prices. There are, nevertheless, many in the metal trade who still view this unexpected recovery with suspicion, in remembrance of the sore disappointments to which this metal and its occasional rebounds have led of late years. Much will depend on further developments in Europe. The fact that hardly a day has passed since Oct. 4 on which some new failure has not been announced in Great Britain, leads to the supposition that there are a great many more bankrupt concerns over there than is as yet generally admitted, and if this should prove true and disasters continue for a month longer, no speculative article can be sustained unless it be statistically stronger than tin in reality is.

The Electric Light.

Notwithstanding the recent discussion before the American Gas Light Association, the indications are that the electric light is making headway. There is probably more inventive genius engaged at the present time in working out the possibilities of electricity than in any other direction, and with the known fact that a light can be obtained by the use of the electric current, it will be very surprising if some cheap method of using it is not found. At present the practical application of the light to every-day purposes is mostly confined to England and France. The *London Times* has introduced it into its establishment, and the London Board of Public Works are experimenting with it along the Thames Embankment. Some large manufacturing establishments in the interior of England are also experimenting with it. Its use in France has become so well known through the letters from the Paris Exposition, that we need only refer to it. In this country, while but little has been done in its practical application, more attention has been paid to perfecting and cheapening it than in either England or France. The most interesting display of the light has been at the Mechanics' Fair in Boston, where two rival American machines—the Wallace-Farmer and the Brush—are in operation side by side. One of these has a capacity of four lights and the other of five. One uses carbon points or pencils and the other oblong carbon plates. The great defect of these lights, as well as of the Jablockhoff candle and all other European devices, is the rapid consumption of the carbons, as well as the cost of power to drive the machines. Another defect is the intensity of the light and its peculiar color. Still another difficulty is that as the lights are multiplied on a given circuit the illuminating power is reduced out of all proportion to the electricity expended. As is well known, it is claimed that Mr. Edison has remedied these defects. His plan, so far as we can learn, consists in the use of platinum coil, which is illuminated by the resistance it offers to the passage of the electric current. Platinum has been used for this purpose before, in strips at least, but the difficulty has been that the intense heat developed has fused the platinum. This Edison has overcome by the adoption of some device that enables him to reduce the intensity of the current below the point of fusion. Other inventors are busy with the subject, and it does not seem possible that the problem of producing the electric light conveniently and economically will long remain unsolved.

Where Is It?

In the *Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association* for Nov. 20th, we find the following:

To the Secretary of The American Iron and Steel Association.—Sir: In Western Pennsylvania there is a 16-foot coke furnace, making 700 gross tons of pig iron per week from an ore mixture yielding 42½ per cent. of iron. Anthracite men can no longer point to the Lucy Furnaces and say rich ore is the sole cause of a large yield.

PHILADELPHIA, November 18, 1878.

We confess that this is news to us, and in all sincerity we ask, Where is it? We have kept pretty close watch of the work of coke furnaces, and have never heard of this before. To the best of our knowledge and belief there is but one 16-foot furnace in blast in Western Pennsylvania, and that is the Charlotte Furnace at Scottsdale, which is not making anything like 700 tons per week. We fear that the news communicated in the above letter belongs to the class of "important—if true" items.

With regard to the Lucy Furnace, we can only say that no one who is in the least acquainted with this furnace is likely to claim that its large yield is attributable to the richness of the ores used in it. Anthracite furnace men are already learning, from the results of their experiments with a mixture of coke, that something may be due to fuel, and those who know the facts know that it is largely due to the changes that have been made in the lines of the furnaces and in the conditions of blowing.

The present strike at the flint glass works at Pittsburgh is peculiar in the fact that the question of wages does not enter into the struggle. It is one of those labor troubles which Mr. Rupert Kettle, the well-known advocate of arbitration in England, would classify under the head, "Strikes from matters of sentiment." The question in the main is, Shall the manufacturers be allowed to run their works to suit themselves, employing or discharging such men as they please? Also, Shall they be allowed to make such articles as they desire and can find a market for? The men represent that the manufacturers are taking the course they have adopted for the purpose of destroying the union. We do not understand this to be the case, but they do propose to put a stop to unwarranted and impertinent interference with their business. In other words, they demand a promise or guarantee that the constant and vexatious interference of the past shall cease, and this the workmen refuse to give. For 15 years there has been no strike in the flint glass trade. Prices have not been reduced since the war. There was steady employment, good wages and a most friendly feeling. Most of the manufacturers were at one time workmen. About 12 months ago a union was formed, and there has been constant trouble ever since. The true and de-

fensible object of union has not been known or has been lost sight of, and the members seem to have thought that a union did not fulfill the end of its existence unless it made trouble. If a winter of idleness follows they may learn the folly of unwarranted interference.

Now that the Fisheries Award has been paid, those who were troubled about the possibilities of a breach of the peace between this country and Great Britain will breathe more freely. It is just as well to remember, however, that the danger of unpleasant international complications is greater now than it was before. While the question of payment was under consideration there was less disposition on the part of the government to demand a recognition of our rights than there will be now. Having paid an absurd amount rather than repudiate the action of a commission of arbitration, our government will naturally incline to see that our fishermen get what has been bought and paid for. There will be little disposition to submit patiently to such absurd conditions and regulations as the local authorities along the Provincial coast may see fit to enforce from time to time; and every consideration of good neighborhood makes it expedient that such regulations as are necessary to define the time and manner in which our fishermen shall ply their vocation in British waters, shall be agreed upon between the governments which subscribed to the treaty of Washington. Such regulations would, of course, supersede and render void all local statutes, and our fishermen, knowing the rules, would not be likely to be caught in traps set for them by local courts and constables. If this precaution is neglected, there is every probability that the gad-fly policy of the provincial authorities will lead them into trouble. When our people have bought and paid for certain privileges, they are likely to insist upon having them.

Our Philadelphia friends are much elated at the prospect of a new steam line between that city and Liverpool. It will not be an American line, as the steamers are all owned abroad, but it will help to further increase the growing importance of Philadelphia as a port of export. The new line will begin operations early in December. Elsewhere we give fuller information from Philadelphia sources.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON CHINA PAINTING IN AMERICA; WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO DECORATIVE ART. By Camille Piton, Principal of the National Art Training School, Philadelphia. With folio album of plates. New York: John Wiley & Son, 1878.

The author's object has been to prepare a convenient handbook for the use of American students of decorative art and make it as practical as possible. Unlike most works of this kind, it wastes no space in discussing the principles of design or in arguing moot questions of taste. It is presumed that the student can educate himself in such matters in other ways. Prof. Piton's object is to aid him in his practical work by teaching him what he must know in order to express such ideas as he may have. In this he is very successful. Beginning with a clear exposition of the theory of color, he leads the student step by step through an exposition of the law of complementary colors to the practical use of this elementary information in painting on porcelain. The facts here given are just those which the art student needs to know, and which will save him many vexatious mistakes and costly experiments. Having given more or less time to amateur work in painting on porcelain, we are the better able to appreciate the practical value of these suggestions. The accompanying album of plates adds much to the value of the work. It is a progressive series of lessons to be worked out on porcelain by the aid of the information given in the text. The student is supposed to have studied drawing before he begins, as all persons should who essay work on china or porcelain; and Prof. Piton undertakes only to direct his efforts with mineral colors, so that he shall reach success by the easiest and most direct methods. We take pleasure in saying that we consider the work invaluable to the student of decorative art, especially when he is working without the assistance of a competent master.

THE AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK. Published by the Industrial Publication Company. Price, 10 cents.

The editor of the *Young Scientist* has compiled a number of practical recipes on alloys, glass working, varnishes, lacquers, inks, cements, &c., which his experience has taught him are most frequently the subjects of inquiry. His little work of 40 pages naturally does not meet the numerous and more specific needs of practical mechanics, but will prove highly valuable to beginners, within whose reach its low price easily places it.

WRINKLES AND RECIPES. Compiled from the *Scientific American*. Edited by Park Benjamin, Ph. D. Published by Messrs. Wiley & Sons, New York. Price, \$1.50.

In the present edition of this work, the thirteenth, much has been added that is new and carries it to date. Its editor, Mr. Benjamin, and its contributors, Prof. Thurston, Prof. Van der Weyde, Mr. R. H. Buel and Mr. Joshua Rose, are all well known and acknowledged authorities in their several branches. The topics considered are classed under the headings of mechanics, engineering, practical technology, the farm, and household hints. Mechanics includes a complete description and illustration of the tools necessary for plain machine work in the various metals, with a number of practical directions and valuable figures which are constantly needed in the shop. We notice that a description of Julius Hall's recent invention of drilling square holes has also

found a place in the pages of this department. The chapter on hardening and tempering steel is supplemented by a color tempering scale as a frontispiece, a feature which is novel and will not fail to meet the approval of mechanics and engineers. It shows the series of colors through which heated steel passes, and gives the points at which it is best to temper tools for each special purpose. The chapter on engineering is full and exhaustive; there are good articles on the indicator and the indicator diagram, and a short essay on the boiler. Shafting, belting and pulleys are well treated, numerous tables for finding arc of contact and horsepower transmitted being given. The main body of the recipes on cements, alloys, solders, inks, electroplating, &c., are gathered in the department of practical technology in which there are also illustrated descriptions of the telephone, microphone, phonograph, &c. Subjects to which attention is rarely directed in similar works are the preparation of natural history specimens, which, like hints about drawing and sketching, have found ample space in "Wrinkles and Recipes." The farm and the dairy recipes will render the work popular with rural readers, and in household hints an attempt is made to meet the wants of a large class who have hitherto been forced to glean

other on that of wrought iron and steel, in which we find data of interest. A beautiful colored map is added, which, if we remember correctly, has served on a previous occasion.

BOILERS AND BOILER EXPLOSIONS.

J. M. Allen's Observations During 1877.

We have before us the annual report of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection Company. It brings us an account of the company's work for the year ended Dec. 31, 1877. During that year the company made 11,629 internal inspections of steam boilers, and almost three times as many external inspections. Some 3690 defects were discovered which required immediate attention. There were 85 furnaces in dangerous condition, 517 plates were found fractured, 337 plates dangerously burned and 357 blistered plates. The total number of defects discovered amounted to no less than 15,964. In regard to the cases of sediment and deposit, of which 2005 were found, and of which 440 were considered dangerous, and incrustation and scale, of which 341 were dangerous, the report says:

were dangerous. There is probably no boiler attachment more tampered with than the safety valve. It is overloaded, tied down, or, from want of attention, allowed to corrode in its seat, and yet it is called a 'safety valve.' It is an attachment that should have the most careful attention at all times. Four hundred and three dangerous pressure gauges were found.

"Most engineers place great reliance on the steam gauge, and so long as the pressure does not exceed the required limit they think all is safe. But when an examination of the gauge is made and it is found not to show the actual pressure of steam, but in-

boilers were condemned as unsafe to use and beyond repair.

"The defects enumerated above can only be discovered by the most careful examination. It should be done by men of experience and good judgment. The cursory examination of boilers which is often made lulls the proprietor into a feeling of security which may be fatal. The examination may have cost him less money, but he knows very little about the actual condition of the boiler."

During the year President Allen reports 109 boiler explosions with 149 persons killed and 205 wounded. Below we give extracts

showing the man-hole, steam dome and smoke opening. From a careful examination the conclusion arrived at was that the boiler, notwithstanding its assumed strength, was very weak from faulty construction. It contained within itself in the form of braces and stays the elements that caused its own destruction. The shell was cut away for the man-hole and dome 40 inches in 78, and reinforced by a light cast iron frame and by eight stays or braces from the dome cover to a yielding portion of the shell, that portion within the dome being in equilibrium of pressure. In addition to these supports six braces were connected to the shell and the back smoke-box.

"Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the boiler, showing the bracing of the dome to the unsupported portions of the shell. Other bracing is also shown, and the line of frac-

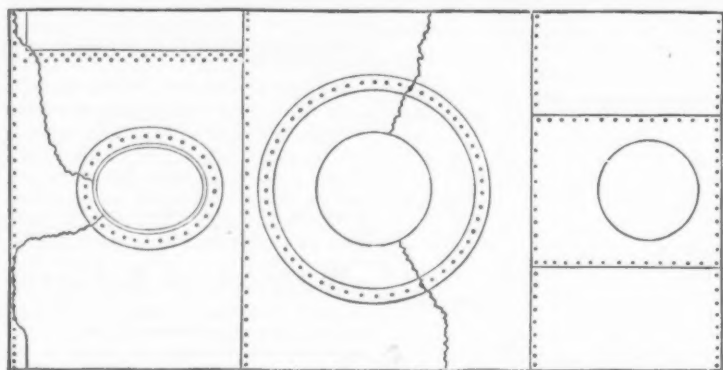


Fig. 1.—Exploded Tug Boat Boiler.—Plan Showing Steam Dome, Manhole and the Location of the Cracks.

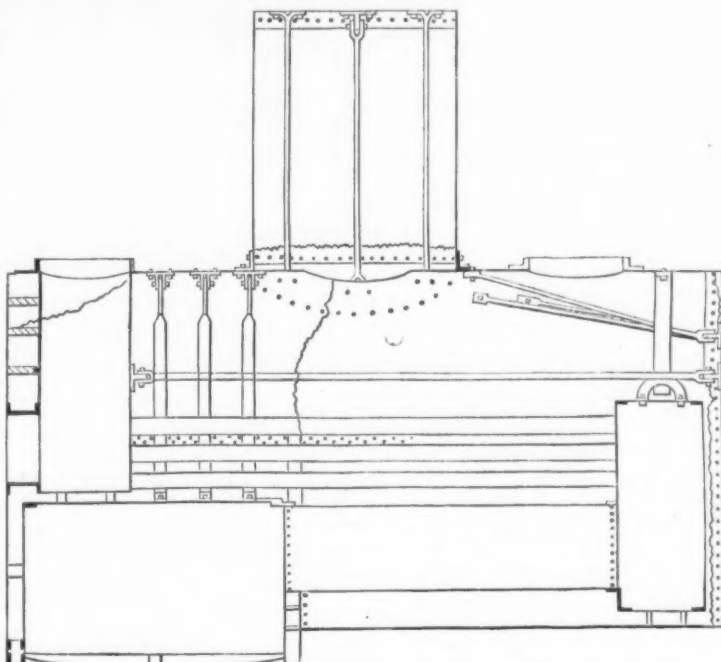


Fig. 2.—Vertical Section of Tug-Boat Boiler, Showing Bracing.

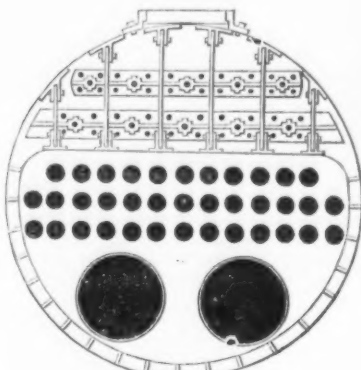


Fig. 3.—Cross Section Through the Smoke-Box.

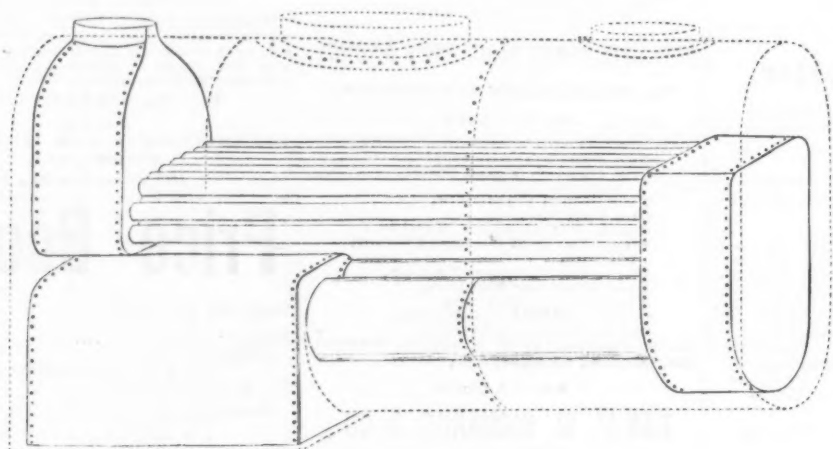


Fig. 4.—Perspective View of the Interior of the Tug-Boat Boiler.

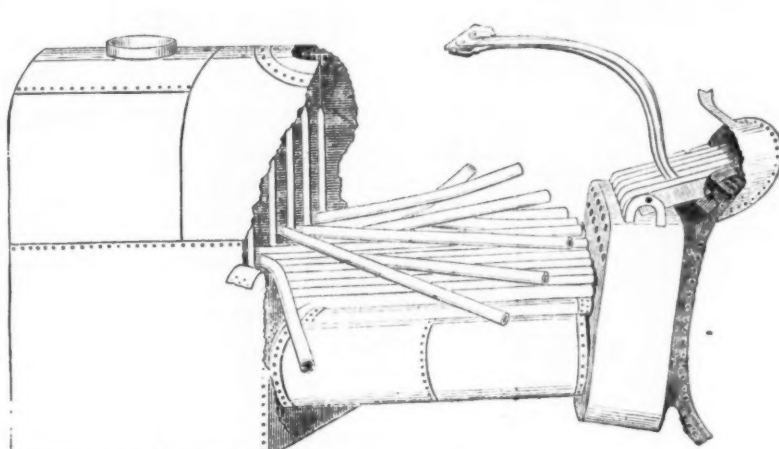


Fig. 5.—The Boiler After the Explosion.

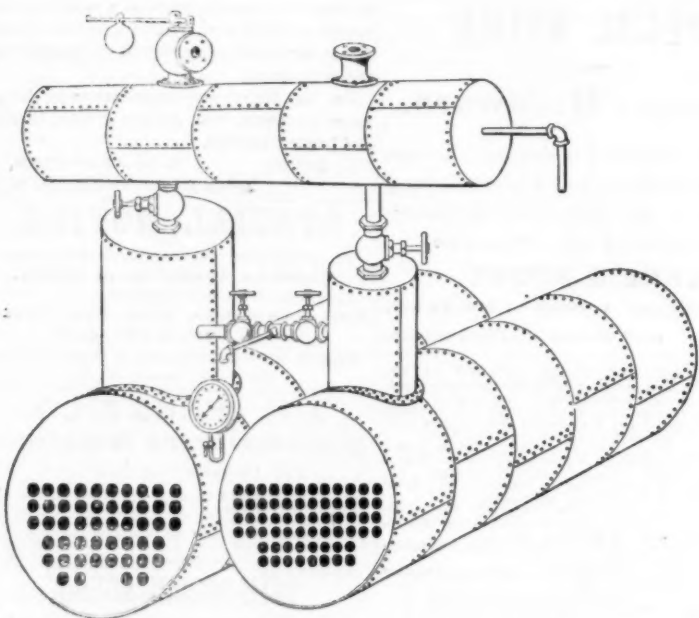


Fig. 6.—Defective Setting—no Gauge on the Exploded Boiler.

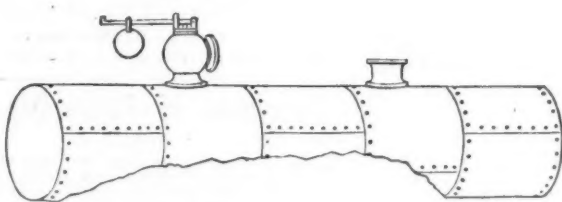


Fig. 7.—Top of Steam Drum, Shown in Fig. 6, After Explosion.

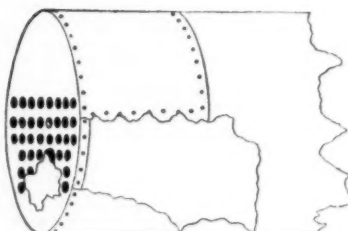


Fig. 8.—Rear End of Left-hand Boiler, thrown 225 feet.

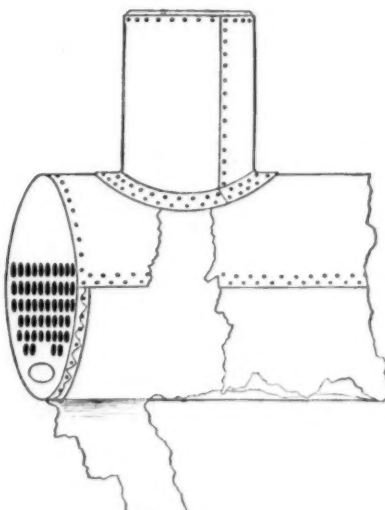


Fig. 9.—Front End of Left-hand Boiler, Showing Torn Plates.

EXAMPLES OF EXPLODED BOILERS EXAMINED BY THE HARTFORD STEAM BOILER INSPECTION COMPANY.

scraps of doubtful information from almanacs. We feel confident that many will find the book a convenient adviser in case of need.

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE IRON INDUSTRY IN SWEDEN (Sur l'Etat Actuel de l'Industrie du Fer en Suède). By Prof. Richard Akerman. Stockholm, Sweden.

The Paris Exhibition, we suppose, accounts for the publication by the Swedish Jernkontoret of this admirable summary of the present state of the iron industry in Sweden. The work, written by Prof. Akerman, who has earned an international reputation, points out briefly, in a few pages of general remarks, the leading features which distinguish the position of Swedish ironmasters from those of any other iron-producing country, and gives an account of the geological relations and chemical characteristics of Sweden's chief ore—the magnetite—of which over 400 complete analyses are given in a series of tables serving as an appendix. There is a chapter on the manufacture of pig and an-

"These are difficulties which are common to boilers all over the country. Water contains more or less impurity in solution which becomes precipitated by an elevation of temperature, and if great care is not exercised a hard indurate scale is formed, which is always a bad conductor of heat. The plates become over-heated, often to such an extent as to destroy their 'life' and strength, and render them positively dangerous. Various 'compounds' and 'boiler purgers' have been prepared to overcome these evils, and many of them work well in some localities. These difficulties arise mainly from the geological formation through which the water percolates, and as the formation is not uniform all over the country, the water will of course carry different impurities in different localities. Hence a preparation that would remove or prevent a lime scale, would have very little effect upon a scale formed from chalybeate waters. Above all things, a preparation in which acid predominates should be avoided.

"Three hundred and eighty-three safety valves were found overloaded, of which 158

stead some 30 or 40 pounds less, and that the boilers are under 110 or 120 pounds pressure instead of 80 pounds, it becomes a serious matter. This is no imaginary condition of things, but one which frequently comes up in our experience. Hence the importance of examining steam gauges and comparing them with one known to be correct. We have found 615 boilers without gauges during the year, but as most of them were running at pressures very little above the atmosphere, we account only six as immediately dangerous. Cases of deficiency of water, 101—43 dangerous; broken braces and stays, 378—216 dangerous. These defects were found by internal examinations. No superficial inspection or hydrostatic test simply will discover such defects. And from want of a careful internal inspection, boilers greatly weakened by internal corrosion or broken braces and stays are pronounced sound and in good and safe condition. When an explosion occurs, scattering death and destruction in its vicinity, the discovery of such defects is not calculated to appease the public indignation. During the year 1877

from that portion of the report devoted to this subject, with cuts illustrating the manner of the explosions, weakness, &c., of the boilers.

The following is an account of the explosion of the boiler of a tug boat, by which two persons were killed. Portions of the boiler were thrown 250 feet; timbers 8 inches square were wrenched into shreds. It was stated at the inquest that only 75 pounds of steam was on the boiler at the time of the explosion. Of this, however, there is no certainty. The following is the report of the special agent who visited the scene on the day of the explosion:

"This tug, which exploded in June, had to all appearances a very strong boiler—so much so that the government inspector said if he had been called on to name the best boiler in his district he would have selected this one. At the inquest the engineer was very sharply questioned as to his tampering with the locked safety valve, and about a lead weight that was found on the lever. It came out that the boat was much used in winter for breaking ice in the river, and the

ture on the left side. These braces, which are $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ inches in section, are nicely fitted, having round bolts fitting snugly into round holes in the arched double stirrups which stand upon an unyielding part of the crown of the smoke-box, the other ends of the braces being similarly fitted to double-angle plates on the shell. Now, glancing at Fig. 3, imagine this smoke-box to be an expanding body relatively to the shell; that is, imagine it to be a little hotter than the shell (and why may it not be considerably so, filled at times with intensely heated gases and surrounded by water at 331 degrees, which is the temperature at which it boils under 90 pounds pressure above the atmosphere, while the shell, unprotected as it was from the cold atmosphere, say at times as low as 60 degrees outside and 331 degrees inside?) and who can estimate the force that is added to the 90 pounds internal pressure? But the shell was not entirely rigid and unyielding, the space above the back smoke-box must be flattened by the radial thrust of all the stays and braces around the smoke-box, which would bend the flange of the

back head inward. The cracks that were caused by this action were plainly distinguishable from the fresh rupture, as was a crack or old fracture in the man-hole frame. Two years' action proved quite sufficient to bring it to destruction; a considerable length of weakened plate gave way like opening a door, and the contents of the boiler, water surcharged with steam, and steam expanded in so sudden a manner as to tear all before it.

"Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the interior of the boiler. Fig. 5 shows what remained of the boiler after the explosion."

A very interesting report from an inspector is given of the explosion of a boiler of the locomotive type, in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. It apparently went off like a charge of gunpowder, at 3 o'clock on a Sunday morning. It seems to have been a case of bursting from overpressure simply. Little or nothing was left of the boiler house or boiler. In regard to nests of boilers Mr. Allen says:

"A very dangerous method of setting and connecting boilers is that where two boilers are provided with only one safety valve and yet each boiler is provided with a 'stop valve,' that is, valves so situated that either boiler can be shut off when not in use. The danger here is that when the idle boiler is put into use the attendant will forget or neglect to open the stop valve, and there being no outlet to the one safety valve, the pressure increases until the surrounding metal is unable to resist the internal pressure, and an explosion occurs. Boilers should never be set in this way unless each boiler is provided with its own safety valve, located on the shell of the boiler. We have known of several serious accidents arising from this style of fitting. A case occurred during the past year. The owners of the boilers were substantial men, and had no adequate idea of the responsibility which they incurred. Their attention was called to the danger, and they evidently intended to give it early attention, but failed to do so, and a serious disaster followed."

"Fig. 6 shows the original condition of the boilers. It appears that for some reason one boiler had been shut off, and the steam gauge between the boilers had been removed for repairs. The boiler was fired up, and a destructive explosion occurred. Fortunately, no lives were lost. There are many boilers through the country set in this way, and serious accidents have occurred and will occur so long as this practice is followed. Portions of the boiler were thrown from 300 to 700 feet. Fig. 7 shows the top of the drum, and the manner in which the iron was torn. Fig. 8 shows the rear end of the left-hand boiler, which was thrown some 225 feet. Fig. 9 is the front end of the left-hand boiler."

The report concludes as follows: "Much might be added to this report which has come up in an experience of nearly twelve years. The dangers incident to the use of steam can in a great measure be removed if steam users will study the matter more carefully. It is always economical to surround boilers with intelligent care and management; to have them set on correct principles, with all attachments and appliances properly located so that especially every safety appliance shall perform its functions freely and unobstructed. The success of this company has been owing in a great measure to the high standard of efficiency maintained by its directors and officers in filling up appointments. And this standard can only be maintained, and steam users and the public faithfully served, by rigidly adhering to the system which was adopted when the company first commenced business."

American Carriage Materials in Foreign Markets.

One of our leading manufacturers of fine varnishes has been gratified within the past few days by receiving an order from Thos. Whittingham & Wilkin, of London, for 1000 gallons, accompanied by the remark that "in view of the high character of the leading English varnishes and the natural reluctance of coach builders in this country to substitute any others for them, especially when not of English manufacture, we think you will hail with satisfaction the inclosed." Ten years ago not a gallon of American carriage varnish was sent abroad, and every leading carriage maker in the United States used English varnish. At the present time nearly all our manufacturers of this class use American varnish, and large quantities are regularly exported to France, Germany and Australia. It is not improbable that England will now be added to the list of our regular customers.

Of wooden carriage materials we are exporting largely. The wheel makers of Derby, England, were the first to import a few logs of American hickory nearly twenty years ago, selling them to various manufacturers. This was the beginning of a trade in which at least ten firms are now engaged, exporting on a considerable scale hubs, spokes, felloes and finished wheels. Australia is our best market in this line, though France, Germany and England are important buyers.

Leather for harness and carriage work, as remarked by one of our principal carriage builders, is being shipped abroad largely, a single firm in Central Pennsylvania sending off some 400 hides per week. Newark sends a good deal of enameled leather and other specialties. A Philadelphia house is beginning to sell glue in considerable quantities, having factories in Newark, Philadelphia and Woburn, with salesrooms both East and West. Some of the tack makers are understood to have a good trade abroad, stimulated, no doubt, by their fine display in the Paris Exhibition. It is said that a New York firm which makes wood materials a specialty sends fully one half of its product to foreign ports, though widely distributed and in small lots.

The annual report of the Boston and Albany Railroad, shows that the average rate of passenger fares per mile is 2.24 cents in 1878, against 2.31 in 1877 and 2.37 in 1876. The average rate secured for freight of all kinds in 1878 is 1.129 cents per ton per mile against 1.207 a year ago.

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FRANCE.
(*Moniteur des Interests Matériaux.*)

PARIS, Nov. 10, 1878.—*Metals.*—We are now fast approaching the dull winter season, and business in metals as well as in other goods is beginning to feel the effect of it. *Copper.*—The market here has been firm but quiet. The tendency is a favorable one in sympathy with London. We quote *Chili* raw, 150 francs the 100 kilos; *Common Idito*, 145; *Idito*, 160; *English Tough Case*, 160; *Best selected*, 165.50; and pure *Corocoro Ore*, 157.50. *Iron.*—The market is quiet. We quote *Spanish Chili* raw, 147.75; *Idito*, 150; *current Idito*, 147.50; *Idito*, 170.50, and *Lota and Urmeneta*, 145. *Spain condona*. *Marselles* remains well supported. They quote *Spanish in Slabs*, 150; *Red Tokat*, 155; and *Small refined Ingots*, 175; *Sheathing*, 167.50; *Bolts*, 195; and *Low Mass*, 185. *English*, 185. *Spanish*, 155 francs. We quote *France*, 165 francs the 100 kilos; *Idito*, 175.50; *Billiton*, 157.50, and *English*, 170. The same buoyancy noticeable here has taken hold of the *Marselles* market and quotations there are a pair with ours. *Lead.*—Although this metal has been on the whole inactive prices have been well sustained. We quote all descriptions 25 francs *Paris*. At *Harve First Fusion* *Soft Spanish* ranges in *Paris* at 41 to 41.50 francs. *Marselles* is firm. They quote *First Fusion Soft*, 37; *37 to 50 francs* the 100 kilos; *Idito*, 35.50; *Shot*, 44; and *Shot*, 44.50. *Spelter.*—The market is about the usual steady. We quote *Silesian deliverable at Harve* 45; other good brands there are 46. *Marselles* quiet; they quote *Vielle-Montagne and South*, 56 francs the 100 kilos less 2½, and *Old Harve*, 55. *Aluminum.*—The market is quiet. We quote *France*, 100 francs. *Iron.*—The continual offers coming from the Northern blast furnaces leave prices here at a weak tendency. Merchant *Iron at the works* obtainable at 145 francs and at 155 francs here. These rates there is a large sale, building, and pipe (the active) and the same is the case with *Idito* with the greatest ease. In the *Champagne*

district hardware manufacturers have a good run of orders and are a great deal better off for the time being than the rolling mills. It may be put down for certain that the latter are making no profits at present. Some manufacturers, on the other hand, are enjoying a fair amount of activity. In the Haute-Marne the iron market is very much depressed. Nothing new has occurred in the situation of Pig Iron in the Nancy basin. Affinage Pig Iron varies between 50 and 57 francs. There are a good many rumors on foot about contemplated changes in the management of various prominent works in that region, but as long as nothing positive is shown there is no perceptible effect on the policy pursued by other establishments as regards prices to be adhered to in that region. Coal.—The coal market is not in a satisfactory condition. The rolling stock on some of the lines is short, and the consequence is that coal cannot be dispatched to the places of consumption as fast as should be the case, causing great irregularities in prices.

IRELAND.

(Review Universal.)

BREXID, Nov. 10, 1878.—Iron.—The unsatisfactory condition of the iron trade in England has the effect of weighing down the Continental markets also, and ours is in a pitiful plight. An order for 50 tons of iron is looked upon as a miracle just at present, and small orders are the only ones received. What demand there is is principally for iron for architectural purposes. Many works have exhausted their resources, and this leads to forced sales of frequent occurrence, demoralizing the general market. The solvent concerns are doing their best to bridge over into the new year without shutting down, and are content to fill what small orders they can obtain, thus keeping up a show of activity with a reduced number of operatives. Whenever a larger contract is to be placed on the market, and the competition of makers is invited under adjudication or otherwise, there is a perfect scramble to get it, and twenty firms are on hand to outbid each other in cheapness. The Republic of Costa Rica is in the market for iron railroad bridges, and will probably get them on very reasonable terms in view of the deplorable state of our iron industry. There has been an increase of import into Belgium of 407,000 francs in iron and scrap iron during the past nine months of the year as compared with the same period of 1877, and of 2,601,000 francs in pig, while there has been an excess of export of 11,445,000 francs. Sheet and all wrought iron, but a decrease in the export of iron rails of 1,114,000 francs. Coal.—The only demand for coal noticeable for the moment is for household purposes and our sugar refineries. For general industrial purposes the market is flat. Belgium has exported during the first nine months 4,568,000 francs worth of coal more than during the corresponding period of 1877.

GERMANY.

(Borrenthal.)

HAMBURG, Nov. 9, 1878.—Metals.—It is a fact worthy of notice that at a time when European industry seems to be worse off than at any previous time this year, speculators should be carrying out an upward movement in some leading metals with undeniable success and some prospect of prices being maintained. As yet this movement has been viewed with suspicion in Germany, but as prices are steady in Holland and England, and English, 65/60, Berlin maintains last week's rates, quoting Banca 63/64 marks, and English 61/50 @ 62. Lead.—Although inactive, the German market has remained firm, ours included. We quote here: English Pig, 48 @ 15.50 marks the 50 kilos; Sheets, 18.50 @ 19. German Pig, 17 @ 17.50; Spanish, 19 @ 19.50; Italian White Lead, 33 @ 34; Dutch ditto, 33.50. No special feature is reported from Berlin, where Tarnowitz, Hartz and Saxonia command 16.75 @ 17 marks the 50 kilos. Spelter.—The market here has been tolerably well sustained, although lacking activity. We quote: Silesian, on the spot and to arrive, 18.50; ditto Sheet Zinc, 21.50; Vieille-Montagne ditto, 20.50; ditto for sheeting vessels, 21.50; Zinc White, 25 @ 26; ditto Gray, 25.50; and dark ditto, 20.50. Berlin is steady at 18 @ 19 marks the 50 kilos. For Silesian, Breslau is quiet; common brands there, 16.50 marks; W. H., 17; and Godulla, 17.

HOLLAND.

(Koch & Fierboom.)

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 12, 1878.—Tin.—The government has just published the official figures relating to the Tin export:

EXPORT OF TIN FROM HOLLAND.

	July.	1877.	1876.	1878.	1877.	1876.
Tons. Tons. Tons.						
Germany	304	315	451	2,327	2,218	2,373
England	48	50	7	121	301	45
Belgium	106	183	332	608	518	1,217
France	54	55	76	286	450	407
Hamburg	45	58	66	438	344	284
United States	2	6	6	10	57	40
Other countries	63	64	73	347	352	327
Total	630	779	1,011	4,334	4,857	4,087

The market is steady at 38.50 guilders for Banca and 37.50 for Billiton the 50 kilos.

AUSTRIA.

(C. Ernst.)

VIENNA, Nov. 7, 1878.—Metals.—Copper.—This metal has been looking up in consequence of curtailed production in most quarters. Prices have been so unprofitable of late that the necessity of reducing the output has become imperative. The prospect for its profitable simultaneous silver production Mansfield would have ceased to turn out any Copper long ago. Mansfield sold here at 81 @ 84, Berlin the 100 kilos, and prime Hungarian at 72 @ 74. Lead has been in a more active state. The price of sheet lead was 16.50 marks the 50 kilos. The latter the product of private mines, while government Lead sold at 10 @ 12. Private mines have nearly ceased producing altogether. Spelter.—The official reports from Breslau mention no sales; yet it is a well-known fact that large dealings have taken place at a decline. There has also developed some activity here, there being an active demand from lamp manufacturers, who use Silesian of the best brands almost exclusively. The rolling mills have also bought a couple of months' supply ahead, part foreign and part Austrian Spelter. We quote prime Silesian 21.25 @ 22 for the 100 kilos; Medium brands, 21. Austrian 21.50. Breslau quotes 16.25 @ 16.50 marks the 50 kilos. Tin is rising. We quote Banca 60 @ 64 forins; Billiton, 70 @ 73; Australian, 78 @ 80; and Saxonia 80 @ 84 the 100 kilos. Antimony has been in steady request, although transactions have not been large. We quote prime Hungarian 62 @ 64 forins the 100 kilos. Nickel.—Manufacturers have been freely buying prime quality, but there has been no improvement in the price. We quote 4 @ 4.50 cube Nickel 4.50 @ 5 for the kilo. Quicksilver.—Although tolerably lively, prices have been weak at 219.77 the 100 kilos.

SPAIN.

(Cronica de la Industria.)

MADRID, Oct. 9, 1878.—Lead.—The following is a detailed statement as to the Lead mines now being worked in the province of Almeria, as well as of those in which operations have been suspended for the time being: In the famous Oador mountain region the Memorias and Ristori mines are still being worked, owing to the extreme abundance and richness of ore and economic reduction. In the Palacios de Bajas region hardly a mine is active. The Calabriz mines have stopped work and if the San Miguel and Martines mines are holding out, this is due to the extreme richness in silver of their ores. In the district none but the Amigos and Sebastopol mines are continuing in operation, this region being a privileged one in point of silver in the lead. The following moun-

tain districts are deserted on account of ruinous Lead prices: Almahilla, Moceno, Cabrera, and Bedar produces very little. In other portions of the province there have come to a standstill the Campita, Monterilla and Heralda districts. The Cabo de Gata district, usually so lively, is reduced to light mining of manganese and calamine. In the Sierra Almagrera and Herreria regions work is going on, but the struggle is a hard one in view of the low price of lead and silver, and the difficulty experienced in keeping the mines free from flooding, compelling managers to abstain from deep mining. Very little is doing in the Santa Barbara, For li Pega and Piguis Miguis mines.

CHINA.

(Arnold, Karberg & Co.)

CANTON, Oct. 9, 1878.—Coal.—Our Coal market has undergone but little change with regard to prices; the general tendency of the article, however, has slightly improved, and if but moderate supplies continue to come in we hope that a decided turn to the better may be taken. It is, though it must be borne in mind that very large stocks are still here, both in the hands of consumers and speculators. Settlements since our last advice have been made as between \$6.25 @ \$7 per ton. The Premier cargo sold at \$8, deliverable at Swatow, which is equal to about \$6.50 at Hong Kong.

Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 11, 1878.

THE COMMERCIAL SITUATION is unrelieved, speaking in a general sense, but is more particularly unsatisfactory in the Northern and Scottish districts and in Lancashire. From Scotland we hear of additional failures every day, and the current reports from Lancashire and other iron making centers are very grave. The cotton industry is more ruinously depressed than at any previous period of its history, hardly excepting the memorable famine epoch which was brought about during the American civil war. There is no disguising the fact or its grave import. The bubble has burst in Scotland; that in Lancashire will presently explode. The whole of the cotton manufacturing locality is vastly over-buried and overstocked. Between 1872 and 1875 mills were run up in all sorts of ways and in all kinds of places, without the slightest regard to prudence or estimates based on ordinary calculations, and by persons in many instances utterly unfit to manage and carry on that class of manufacturing. Many of these original speculators cleared out in hot haste so soon as they perceived the first tokens of slackening trade, and sold their undertakings to "limited" companies, whose shareholders were and are hosts of small investors and a large section of saving workmen. While business was even fairly good matters were kept afloat, but now that competition has doubled and trebled more capital is required—a requisition with which few of the shareholders are willing or able to comply. Some have already stopped, others must inevitably do so, and there is every reason for inferring that one big smash would bring scores of minor ones in its train. Already the newspapers speak of

A HARD WINTER,

and give abundant news from the provinces in support of their supposition that during the forthcoming severe weather there will be a most serious amount of deprivation and distress among the operative classes. From every ironmaking district we hear of hundreds, even thousands, of unoccupied dwellings, and the idle manufacturers, furnaces and workshops, which are the outward and visible signs of the universal scantiness of work. The reasonable indications, too, all go to show that we may expect a more than ordinarily keen winter—indeed we have already experienced sharp frosts, and on the west coast a heavy fall of snow. Stirred by these untoward symptoms thus early in the penultimate month of the year, certain philanthropic and benevolent gentlemen are casting about

FOR A REMEDY,

but they find none save that of public charity, to which the British artisan, even in his direst straits, is stubbornly opposed. To his credit we may place this fact, but none the less we pity his wife and family as they shiver and starve, hungry and homeless, during the snows and biting frosts of the dark months of the year.

IN LONDON

this state of things is much less pronounced than in the provinces. There is here so vast a diversity of interests that the depression falls more evenly and affords fewer signs of its pressure than in places where the entire population is practically dependent upon the prosperity of one or two particular trades or industries. London—by which I mean the commercial city and the manufacturing eastern suburbs—complains of the minimization of profits and the constant growth of foreign competition, but the machine keeps moving in pretty much the usual groove, and as I have said, such distress as one would suppose must exist rarely comes to the surface.

THE OPTIMISTS

who confidently predicted a great revival of trade some time ago are still in the background, and their predictions yet remain in the category of future contingencies. No doubt their intentions were of the best and their expectations of the liveliest—yet (such is life!) the fact stands untouched that matters not only do not improve, but actually grow worse. This is proven to demonstration by the monthly trade and navigation details of the

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS

for October, which make a poor comparison with the figures for the same month of last year, although as regards iron and steel they show larger quantities than the September official tables. The total worth of our foreign trade during the past month amounted to £17,255,450, as compared with £18,372,603 in October, 1877, and £17,779,274 during October, 1876. For the 10 months terminating on October 31, the exports have been of the total value of £162,181,636, as against £166,058,212 during the same period of 1877 and £163,814,721 in 1876. The aggregate value of our imports during October

was £29,582,303, as compared with £36,537,002 last October, the respective totals for the 10 months being £213,298,375 and £229,195,405, thus showing that a natural consequence of our decreasing sales is a lessened ability to purchase foreign goods. In detail the returns for last month show that our exports of copper of all kinds increased over 5300 tons, or 7.4 %; iron and steel fell off between 8000 and 9000 tons, or 3.6 %; seed oils, 34,000 gallons, or 2.3 %; hardware and cutlery nearly 10000, or 0.2 %; machinery and millwork increased about £52,000, or 8.2 %; arms and ammunition decreased over 7000 in number; gunpowder lost over 700,000 lb; brass decreased 700 cwt.; yellow metal sheathing fell off about 200 cwt.; tin plates increased 800 tons, owing to the additional United States demand; steel gained over 400 tons; lead lost 800 tons; painters' colors diminished £3000; saddlery gained £10,800; telegraphic wires and apparatus fell off to the extent of £61,000; unwrought tin decreased 600 cwt.; but in zinc and spelter there was the large increase of nearly 8000 cwt. In almost every instance values have fallen, so that even where we have sold larger quantities of the different articles, we have done so for less money than during the comparative period of last year. This is well exemplified, as this October we exported 215,681 tons of iron and steel for £1,608,252, whereas last year in the same month we obtained £1,893,080 for 227,025 tons.

THE LEADING ITEMS

last month as compared with the same period of last year are:

	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Quantities.			Value.	
Fire-arms, No. of pieces, not being ordnance, cwt.	7,721	7,019	37,386	30,389
Coal, 20 tons, 1,383,288	1,383,288	1,383,288	611,345	611,345
Copper, unwrought, cwt.	23,358	23,358	79,347	79,347
Wrought " "	19,812	24,868	83,536	97,597
Shamash cwt.	71,575	75,873	255,538	262,495
Hardware and cutlery	74,444	80,567	213,049	224,526
Iron, pig, tons	87,579	86,567	244,526	244,526
Bar angle, bolt and rod, tons	19,458	18,271	148,118	130,977
R. R. of all sorts, tons	50,048	49,006	400,096	393,034
Boiler and armor plates, including galvanized, tons	20,434	18,110	295,093	230,441
Tin, unwrought, cwt.	14,579	15,385	287,349	255,179
Of or with all other manufactures, except ordnance, rated, tons	30,723	28,529	320,718	317,072
Old for reman, tons	1,260	5,056	5,443	18,253
British iron, tons	2,139	2,540	57,620	74,491
Manufactures of steel and iron, tons	1,181	1,356	66,877	73,399
Lead, pig, rolled sheet, pipe and tubing, tons	4,593	3,751	95,649	65,865
Steam engines, and other machinery, value	11,953	11,479	23,643	21,219
Plate and plated and gilt wares, value	3,515	3,680	53,007	61,880
Wire of iron or steel, tons	3,515	3,680	53,007	61,880

Hardware and Cutlery.

	October.	Ten months ending Oct. 31.	1877.	1878.
To	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Russia	£6,753	£12,737	£44,981	£71,270
Germany	23,266	17,130	177,333	150,165
Holland	7,246	7,174	73,578	69,731
France	10,338	11,850	102,284	103,090
Spain & Canaries	7,048	6,824	94,086	81,033
United States	27,992	23,867	271,892	253,618
Spanish West India Islands	9,616	9,470	103,093	85,617
Brazil	19,440	19,180	194,378	178,401
Argentina Repub.	7,772	7,256	42,305	38,285
British N. America	16,099	14,726	145,866	118,439
British India	28,668	24,935	266,486	211,798
Australia	57,343	59,456	459,010	515,590
Other countries	39,255	39,064	789,095	811,877
Total	314,846	313,949	2,759,997	2,798,793

Railroad of all Sorts.

	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
To	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Russia	£45,140	£57,002	£64,374	£46,124
Sweden and Nor.	39,056	11,472	389,135	159,640
Germany	22,073	22,073	22,073	22,073
Holland	703	103	9,819	1,509
Belgium	35	90	2,696	3,876
France	230	216	1,076	1,397
Spain	10,376	23,869	151,477	168,881
Italy	3,088	9,990	70,958	121,329
Turkey	470	24	2,275	2,815
Egypt	...	...	8,708	21,840
United States	...	...	911	10,844
Brazil	6,485	5,383	155,612	105,200
Peru	...	...	2,960	11,611
Chili	...	...	2,715	8,450
British N. America	39,655	19,927	266,887	241,444
British India	146,786	62,372	534,276	612,754
Australia	75,385	47,455	471,163	515,590
Other countries	21,421	14,881	239,654	196,386
Total	408,096	303,032	3,279,939	2,954,659

The special return as to iron and steel rails is:

	Month ended Oct. 31.	Ten months ending Oct. 31.	1877.	1878.
To	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Russia	551	14	4,238	1,290
Sweden and N. way	2,723	1,044	35,526	12,363
Germany	...	...	76	1,755
Spain	264	502	6,371	7,676
Italy	1,275	1,275	2,447	9,314
United States	...	...	332	335
Brazil	772	...	17,760	5,963
Chili	...	...	29	268
British N. America	...	...	6,493	3,884
British India	...	...	18,001	3,884
Australia	5,132	443	40,333	37,775
Other countries	1,817	1,918	22,689	18,447
Total	13,344	7,845	154,423	104,298

Steel Rails.

	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
To	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Russia	4,101	7,385	35,356	49,073
Sweden and Nor.	1,828	1,828	9,128	9,128
Germany	1,970	4,442	18,089	32,740
Spain	2,292	2,800	11,178	14,710
Italy	43	123	4,580	9,167
United States	...	...	404	524
Brazil	...	...	945	6,587
Chili	...	...	26	511
British N. America	3,555	1,918	26,863	25,501
British India	10,840	3,776	56,784	29,667
Australia	3,773	2,932	20,411	20,437
Other countries	48	515	5,883	13,535
Total	13,344	24,640	190,016	219,242

Total of iron and steel rails.....42,312 34,485 353,439 393,540

YOUR SHARE

of our manufactures (in chief) may thus be stated:

	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
October.				
Hardware and cutlery	£27,992	£23,867	£27,992	£23,867
Pig iron	1,843	1,843	3,208	3,208
Bars, angles, bolts and rods	397	397	485	485
Steel, unwrought	2,292	2,292	11,178	11,178
Iron hoops, sheets and plates	519	519	45	45
Tin plates	9,972	9,972	11,100	11,100
Cast or wrought iron	212	212	219	219
Old iron	44	44	309	309
Lead	1,119	1,119	5,224	5,224
Machinery (other than engines)	£15,339	£15,339	£9,441	£9,441
Tin, unwrought	2,647	2,647	636	636
Iron and steel rails	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.

THE GERMAN TARIFF CONGRESS,

of which the *Ironmonger* gives us a special report, is yet another source of disquietude to our manufacturers, inasmuch as it appears tolerably certain that Prince Bismarck means to revise the matter in a sense in

which protectionism seems bound to be put into operation. If and when this is done, it will inflict a serious blow on the pig iron and engineering branches of our iron trade.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

pervades our newspapers with exceeding thoroughness, even as it promises shortly to pervade our thoroughfares and premises. I witnessed a trial of the Werdermann system here last week, and can testify to the able manner in which the light of two large burners was divided into ten smaller ones by simply using branch wires, and by using a very large (comparatively) upper, or negative, carbon. M. Werdermann's process has been taken up commercially for Great Britain by M. J. Berger Spence, and I understand that Dr. Hertz has the royalty of it for the United States.

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has again been very

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

Great Britain and Her Colonies.—II.

(From our Special Correspondents.)

THE IRON AGE.
B. 3, American Section Exposition Universelle,
PARIS, NOV. 12, 1878.

The Ingram patent rotary machine for printing illustrated papers deserves that we should stop to examine it. We take most of the following description from a specimen sheet of the *Illustrated London News*, printed on this machine at the Exhibition. At one end of the machine is placed a roll of paper about three miles long. When the machine is started the paper is caught by the cylinders immediately above the reel, receiving an imprint of the letter-press form; it is then carried diagonally downward to the picture cylinders, which print the illustrations on the other side of the sheet; it is next conveyed to the species of guillotine, which cuts each number to its proper size, and being carried therefrom by tapes to the folding machine, this finally delivers a complete copy of the paper—printed on both sides and folded—at the rate of 5500 an hour. One marked advantage claimed for this machine is a great saving of time in making ready the illustrations for printing, from the fact that the cylinders are more rigid and require a thinner "overlay" than other machines. As for the letter-press form, neither "underlying" nor "overlying" is required, and the machine is constructed to work without roller-lifts or bearings on either form.

We find several fine working models of various marine engines. Among others three, representing engines constructed by John Wren & Son, Greenwich, England: 1. A model of the engines of 1350 horse-power as made for H. M. S. Minotaur and Northumberland; 2. A model of the engines of the Cristoforo Colombo, 2000 horse-power, three cylinders; 3. A model of the 800 horse-power engine made for H. M. S. Sphinx. This ship is a side-wheeler, and the engine has oscillating cylinders. Maudslay, Sons & Field exhibit a model of a 4-cylinder marine compound engine of 5000 indicated horse-power, as fitted in the White Star steamers Germanic and Britannic. All the above models are on a scale of one-twelfth. Here is a model of the steel paddle steamships Victoria and Brighton, built in 1873 by John Elder & Co., Glasgow, for the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company for their service between Newhaven and Dieppe, in connection with the West of France Railway Company. The principal dimensions of these steamships are: Length, 220 feet; breadth, 26 feet 6 inches; depth, 11 feet 8 inches; tonnage, 819 tons; nominal horse-power, 300; speed per hour, 17 knots or 19½ English miles. We notice four exhibits of locomotives in the British section of the Machine Gallery. These are made by the Fairlie Engine and Rolling Stock Company, London, who have a large freight locomotive with eight wheels, four only being drivers; the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, a small passenger locomotive with six drivers; Fox, Walker & Co., of Bristol, passenger locomotive with six drivers; and Sharp, Stewart & Co., Limited, Manchester, a locomotive with four driving wheels.

The principal representatives of machine tools are Smith & Coventry, Embleton, Mackenzie & Co., and Sharp, Stewart & Co., the latter's exhibit including planers and a car-wheel lathe. Goodall & Son, London, have an ingenious envelope-folding machine, and we must not omit to mention one of the most curious machines in this section. This is a drill for drilling square holes by rotary motion. This effect is produced by giving the drill a compound motion made up of a rotary motion about its own axis for drilling, and an additional motion to produce the square outline. The angles are of course rounded. Plumbeck & Co. exhibit a West's six-cylinder steam engine. The main body consists of one casting containing six cylinders arranged in a circle and parallel with one another around the shaft, like the chambers of a revolver. The pistons are very long, but being hollow they are very light. They are not connected to any of the other parts of the engine, and are free to turn, so that the wear may be uniform. The pistons, which are single acting, terminate in a phosphor-bronze blunt cone which bears continuously against the periphery of a conical disk, owing to the action of the steam against the opposite side or flat end. Steam is admitted successively to the six cylinders from the steam chest, three pistons being constantly in action at different points of the stroke, thereby imparting a uniform rolling motion to the conical disk, which is supported at its center by a ball and socket joint, and also rolls upon the conical surface of the back plate, which is turned to the same angle, and thus receives the full thrust of the piston and protects the ball and socket joint from any undue strain. The crank is securely fixed in the center of the conical disk, the rolling motion of the disk causing the pin to describe a circle, and by means of the crank imparting a rotary motion to the shaft. The shaft passes through the center of the steam chest and carries an eccentric giving motion to the circular valve.

In the exhibit of railway safety appliances made by Saxby & Farmer, we find an extremely complete and very ingenious system of signals and switches, in which the block and interlocking systems are combined. The exhibit illustrating this invention consists of a machine in which is contained a locking apparatus of 14 levers for working points and signals, and four block telegraph instruments for the exchange of train telegraph signals, with the stations on either side for up and down lines respectively. The handles of the block instruments and the point and signal levers are combined in the same interlocking mechanism, and cannot be manipulated in a contradictory manner. The advantages claimed for this invention, insuring the regular and safe passage of trains along the line, section by section, and preventing "block breaking" are numerous and important, but too lengthy for our columns.

In the exhibit of engines made by John

Fowler & Co., we find an 8-horse-power traction engine, a 30-horse-power semi-portable colliery engine, a double cylinder hauling engine and a single cylinder hauling engine. Greenwood & Batley have a collection of shoe machinery. B. & S. Massey exhibit a number of steam hammers of various sizes, and Appleby Brothers, of London, have on exhibition some of their steam cranes, hydraulic warehouse cranes and others. Some of the principal exhibits of pumping machinery are made by the following firms: Hathorn, Davis & Co. show some compound differential and hydraulic pumping engines and mining pumps. Hayward, Tyler & Co. have an important display of steam pumps for all variety of purposes. Tangye Brothers, Birmingham, have horizontal and vertical steam pumps, hydraulic jacks, steam engines and boilers. The well-known pulsometer is represented by a large exhibit made by the Pulsometer Engine Co., Limited. We find also several exhibits of steam fire engines. Brotherhood's three-cylinder engines are exhibited, but as a full description of these appeared in *The Iron Age* not very long ago, it is needless that we should describe them.

H. Holroyd Smith, of Halifax, has a patent furnace in which a mechanical stoker supplies the fuel from below to the bottom of the fire. The object of this is that as the fresh coal approaches the surface the heat above may draw out and burn the gases, thus avoiding smoke and economizing fuel. The fire-bars consist of a series of hexagonal columns supported on a web, and so arranged as to form a honeycomb of air space equal to the metal surface. Messrs. Twiss & Co., of Manchester, exhibit their patent fuel economizers, applicable to heating and filtering water for the various purposes of brewers, dye works, chemical works, distilleries and sugar refineries. The mode of applying the economizer principle for heating air and superheating steam is also shown. The principle of quadruple scrapers invented by Mr. Twiss is applied to his economizers, as well as an invention for filtering the water before it is forced into the boiler. Wiggall & Halsey, London, exhibit their patent two and three cylinder engines for yachts, launches, tugs, fish torpedoes, and agricultural and other purposes. In the former of these engines the steam passes on the end of each cylinder. Inside of these there is a piston, the connecting rod acting directly on the crank, which revolves in a box containing oil for the lubrication of the working parts. The pressure on the connecting rod is always thrusting. The end of the crank is attached to a revolving valve, which, as it revolves, admits steam alternately at each end of the cylinder, and also emits the exhaust through the same. Outside of this inner valve there is a shell attached to a lever which works in an arc, and by means of this lever the steam can be cut off at any part of the stroke.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. P. S. Otterson & Co., proprietors of the Otterson Foundry, Nashua, have nearly completed an iron table frame for the church of the new Trinity Church, Boston, that for beauty of design and perfection of workmanship does credit to the taste and skill of the makers. The frame is 7 feet by 4 feet, weighs about 700 pounds and is intended to hold a tablet of the Gardiner family, which was rescued from the old Trinity Church on Summer street at the time of the big fire, and is arranged for a smaller memorial tablet at the bottom. The outside border is composed of a series of twisted columns in reverse order, the joints of the several sections being ornamented with elaborate rosettes, and the corners with full-blown lilies with petals and stamens, all in iron. The upper corners are ornamented with lily buds and the lower ones with a spiral drop draped with leaves. The inside finish and cross bar between the tablets is of elegant design and workmanship. Between the two, a shoulder being left to hold it in place, is to be an elegant gilt bronze molding, to be manufactured by Shreve, Crump & Low, of Boston. Otterson & Co. have been engaged on the work about two months.

MASSACHUSETTS.

H. B. Smith & Co., Westfield, have orders for about 150 tons of direct and indirect radiators, which will give employment to their present force for about two months without making overtime. They report that the prospect for business is good.

Two new 250-horse-power engines, made by Jerome Wheelock, of Worcester, have been received at the Peabody Mills, Newburyport. They will be put up as soon as possible, perhaps in three weeks, and then the mills will start up, giving employment to 250 operatives.

C. A. Foster & Co., Fitchburg, report a seasonable increase in the demand for meat and vegetable choppers. The firm are filling orders at the present time for choppers to go to Amsterdam (Holland), Cincinnati, Saginaw, Mich., and, in fact, all parts of the country. They are making large quantities of their choppers for use in hotels and restaurants. They advise us of the receipt of an order from France for choppers, the first to come from that market.

The successful introduction of the Holly system of heating in this city has increased the interest felt elsewhere in the subject. Manchester, N. H., is now talking of going into it, and a delegation of prominent citizens of that place will visit this city next month, and then go to Lockport, N. Y., to see the system in operation.—*Springfield Republican*.

Eels caused the Robinson Iron Company, of Plymouth, to shut down half a day recently. They got into the water wheel and clogged it up.

Every track in the Wason Car Company's paint shop at Springfield was full at last accounts, and cars were being "set-up" at the rate of eight or nine a day. The painters are working eleven hours per day.

CONNECTICUT.

Steam has been put into the Beardsley Seythe Company's Works at Winsted.

The wheels of three engines built at the Mason Machine Works for the B. & M. R. R. Company six years ago, have been in constant use ever since, and have run during

that time, one set 161,419 miles, another 145,482, another 141,000, and all are good for a year or more longer.

The wood shop and brass foundry of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company, at Southington, which were burned recently, will be rebuilt immediately.

NEW YORK.

Nelson Lyon, of Albany, has had a very interesting experience in building up a business on the basis of a small but useful device. Some years ago he patented a small iron casting for stiffening the heels of boots and shoes. It was intended to correct the tendency of cheap shoes to "run down" at the heel on one side. The invention would have been of small value in most hands, but by enterprise and perseverance Mr. Lyon has built up an extensive business. During the past two months he has made over five tons per month of these little plates. This month he has considerably increased his production, and is now said to be behind his orders to the extent of \$25,000 worth. As the plates weigh only 15 pounds to the gross, the number made will be seen to be enormous.

NEW JERSEY.

The Warren Foundry, Phillipsburg, will close two "pits" in a short time. The main foundry will continue running on orders through the winter.

Messrs. Tippet & Wood, Warren Boiler Works, Phillipsburg, are running their large boiler shops full handed at present. This firm have a good reputation, and it is said the present is the forty-seventh year. Mr. Tippet has been building steam boilers in Wales and America, and no accident has ever happened with a steam boiler of his make. The firm lately shipped a battery of boilers to the Missouri zinc mines, each one of which weighed about 7 tons. At present the firm have orders from several of the furnaces and large manufacturers in New York and Philadelphia.

The Andover Iron Co., Phillipsburg, have laid a narrow gauge railroad from their "iron yard" to the canal, thus enabling the company to ship pig iron by water. The road, though short, required engineering skill of no mean order, because of the necessary combination of grades and curves, and to Wm. St. G. Kent, the assistant superintendent, the credit is due for the success of the enterprise.

The sale of the Camden Iron Works (now in the possession of Jesse W. Starr) by the sheriff has been postponed until the 25th inst.

PENNSYLVANIA.

It is reported, but not officially, that the Crane Iron Co., Catasauqua, have closed a contract for 10,000 tons of iron at a price in advance of the present market ruling. They have just lighted up No. 2 furnace, making a total of four stacks in blast.

The Thomas Iron Co. have put an additional stack in blast. This company have been selling iron as fast as made, and find another furnace necessary. Between the Lock Ridge and Thomas furnaces, owned by the one company, a telephone wire has been placed. The distance is 12 miles. The company have also completed a laboratory at the Lock Ridge furnace, modeled after the large laboratory at Lafayette College, Easton. Mr. Porter Shimes, of Easton, has been appointed chief chemist.

The Lehigh Iron Co., of Allentown, have now both their stacks in blast.

We clip the following from the *Sharon Herald* of the 22d inst.: At Westernman's, puddle, guide, hoop and sheet mills double turn, bar mill single, plate mill and nail factory on, both spike machines and chain factory going. Blast furnace No. 1 is all ready now for the filling. It is 7 feet in bottom of crucible, 14 feet in diameter of boshes, six tuyeres, closed front and open top. It is probable that the blast will not be put on until March or April next. No. 2 still doing well, making on a general average good strong No. 1 gray mill. For the month of October the Westernman puddle mill made a total of 1655 tons and 455 pounds, gross weight, 2240 pounds to the ton. The following tables show the weekly yield, also the average daily yield for the week foots up as follows:

1st week	.....	66,555 lbs.	or 295 tons and 1,655 lbs.
2d	.....	89,260 "	" 396 "
3d	.....	82,435 "	" 366 "
4th	.....	59,345 "	" 263 "
5th	.....	814,500 "	" 363 "
Making a total of	.....	1,655 1/2 tons.	

The average daily yield for the week foots up as follows:

1st week it shows a daily average of	.....	23.57 tons.
2d	.....	" 31.57 "
3d	.....	" 27.49 1/2 "
4th	.....	" 23.02 1/2 "
5th	.....	" 23.57 "

On Sunday the 16th inst. the Allentown Rolling Mill Company had pay day, \$15,000 being disbursed, a larger amount than was paid out on any other day for the past two years.

The production at the furnace of the Warwick Iron Company of Pottstown, week before last, was 386 tons. This is 9½ tons more than it ever made in one week before.

Allison's Franklin Iron Works at Port Carbon are filling orders for the Pacific Coast and Australia, and are about to ship a consignment of hoisting, mining and pumping machinery to Lake Superior.

The County Commissioners have reduced the valuation of the Topton Furnace from \$100,000 to \$60,000, on application of Mr. B. Bryson McCool, attorney for W. F. Huntzinger.

Clarke, Reeves & Co., at Phoenixville, are building one iron bridge 284 feet long in two spans, and one 170 feet long, a single span, for the Central Vermont.

Messrs. Atkins Bros. of Pottsville have all the work they can do, and though prices are low, a most encouraging feature is that they have sold over 3000 tons of iron, mostly rails for export, since Jan. 1, 1878, with orders on hand to bring it up to 4000 tons during the present year.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The petition of John R. McCune, trustee, for leave to sell the real estate and personalty of the Escanaba Furnace Company and Cascade Iron Company to Wm. P. Shim, of the Edgar Thomson Steel Company, has been granted by the court, and the trustee ordered to make and execute a deed for the same upon payment of the purchase money, \$16,500 cash. The furnace will be removed from Michigan to the property of the com-

pany at Braddock's Field and will be blown in first on Bessemer pig and then on spiegel.

At a meeting of fire-brick manufacturers held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Chamber of Commerce, it was stated that the Woodland and Clearfield companies had decided to enter the combination formed some weeks ago.

Wm. Miller, of the Duquesne Forge, has just completed the largest steamboat shaft ever forged in Pittsburgh, it being 12 inches in diameter, 40 feet long and weighing about 40,000 pounds.

MARYLAND.

The Kimball Shovel Company, of Baltimore, find a rapidly increasing demand for their specialties, and have recently received orders from China, Australia, South America, and various European countries. The D-handle round and square point shovels are specially adapted for and largely used in Cuba and other sugar-producing countries. The sales of the company during 1878 will be 30 to 40 per cent. in advance of last year.

VIRGINIA.

Longdale Furnace has blown out to repair her inwall.

WEST VIRGINIA.

For the week ending Nov. 16 the Riverside Nail Works, Wheeling, turned out 8193 kegs of nails, which is said to be the largest product ever made in one week in the United States by one factory.

OHIO.

The *Iron Era*, Ironton, says: We note a more cheerful feeling among our pig iron men, and large shipments during the week. There is no advance quotable, although holders are firm at full figures. Bar iron is in good demand, and Lawrence mill is well supplied with choice orders. Nails are active, and we are glad to learn that an advance of 15 cents has been established. Belfont has all she can do to fill orders, and a steady winter's run is probable. I. B. Murdock has been appointed trustee of the Iron and Steel Company, vice L. T. Dean resigned. Belfont furnace will blow in shortly. Monitor has started up again after a rest of two weeks. Norton has blown out and the whole establishment is cold. Col. Wm. Worthington has secured the Kentucky coal job for Grant Furnace. Clifton Nail Works are still idle, as is the Pomeroy Rolling Mill. The Etna Iron Works Co. are beginning to see daylight, and the prospects of an early release from the hands of the assignee are encouraging. The bonds of the Iron and Steel Co. will be wiped out by the indorsers within a few days. The Etna Co. received an order from Colorado Springs yesterday for 200 tons of iron, to be delivered forthwith at St. Louis.

The Ashtabula Rolling Mill was sold at master commissioner's sale on Monday of last week for \$11,200, to E. H. Gilkey, for the bondholders. The purchasers intend to put it in good shape and either sell it or put it in operation again.

The Mingo Iron Works property, at Steubenville, was sold at sheriff's sale on Wednesday of last week, for \$67,000. It was bid in by D. McGary, of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal Co., for the first mortgage bondholders. The amount of the first mortgage is \$67,000, the second mortgage \$75,000, and interest, costs and floating debts bring up the total to about \$285,000. The property consists of two blast furnaces, one 60x15, the other 60x16, and about 300 acres of coal land.

The Girard Iron Co. are improving their furnace. They are putting up a cast-iron tower 75 feet high, made by Wm. Tod & Co., of Youngstown. In the tower they will put one of Crane Bros.' patent automatic hoists. They are making large quantities of iron. The last week in October they made 435 tons; the first week in November they made 429 tons; the second week in November they made 411 tons. Their average is about 425 tons a week.

Furnace No. 2, at Hubbard, is being rebuilt, and will soon blow in.

The Gaylord Rolling Mill, at Portsmouth, is working on government orders.

The report that the Grant Furnace, at Ironton, which has been out of blast for a number of years, would again go in blast, is confirmed by the fact that workmen are engaged in taking old pipes out of the hot blast and putting in new ones.

Lawrence Furnace, at Ironton, will make the present blast about 2400 tons of metal, all of which has been sold or engaged. Most of the iron has been sold to one party, John H. Bass, Fort Wayne, Ind., one of the largest car-wheel manufacturers in the West.

C. Aultman & Co., Canton, recently shipped a car load of machinery for exhibition at the great Smithfield Show, London, England, which commences Dec. 20. The goods left the port of New York Nov. 14.

The Buckeye Sewer Pipe Co., Akron, have about 50 men employed, who are working full time, and the works are running to their fullest capacity.

The Cleveland Hardware Co. are working 35 men and running 10 hours per day on heavy door hangers and all kinds of wagon hardware. They have just shipped a large invoice of wrought-iron shears to Spain.

The Akron Iron Co. are refusing more orders than would run a mill of their capacity for some months. They are turning out 25 tons of iron per day, running double turn and giving employment to 120 men.

ILLINOIS.

The machinery and car departments of the Chicago and Alton Railroad have been consolidated.

The mills of the Joliet Iron and Steel Company, under the management of Receiver Alex. J. Leith and Superintendent Smith, have been kept steadily running since they resumed work in May last.

The new nail mill at Centralia will begin work about the first of the new year. The firm propose to operate seven puddling furnaces, one scrap furnace and two heating furnaces. They will start 32 machines in their nail factory.

MISSOURI.

The Harrison Wire Company at St. Louis turned out in one day recently 54,820 pounds of No. 4 rod.

The Missouri Car and Foundry Co., whose

works at East St. Louis were recently burned, is carrying out its contracts at the old works in St. Louis and the car works at Cambridge City, Ind. A larger force of men is employed at the latter place.

KENTUCKY.

Mount Savage Furnace will make another blast next year.

Bellefonte Furnace continues in successful operation, making at this writing an average of 13 tons No. 1 pig metal.

Charlotte Furnace is now making an average of 13 tons of foundry iron per day.

TENNESSEE.

At the works of the Southern States Coal, Iron and Land Co., South Pittsburgh, the work of construction is progressing satisfactorily. Everything is being done to secure the best results in the quality of the pig iron. The ores to be used will produce an excellent strong neutral grade, and it has been decided to select the foundry iron by breaking each pig in half, in order that customers may feel that they can depend upon very careful grading of every shipment. Washed coke exclusively will be used, being a considerable advantage in the purity of the fuel, and the limestone is of the best stone. They have made arrangements with Messrs. E. L. Harper & Co., Cincinnati, to represent them exclusively in the North through the territory lying east of the Mississippi River. It is expected to start stack No. 1 early in February.

Dissolution and Reorganization of an Old Metal Firm.

The old firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., known the world over, is about to pass out of existence; but a reorganization will be immediately effected under a firm name not yet fully decided upon. The dissolution, which takes place January 1st, 1879, is in accordance with the partnership limitation, and is likewise made necessary, so it is understood, by the recent death in England of Mr. Daniel James, who for fifty years was senior partner of the branch in Liverpool. The firm are proprietors in whole or in part of valuable manufacturing properties and other real estate, including the Ansonia Clock Co., of which they were the founders; the Ansonia Brass and Battery Co.; the stores in Cliff street, this city, and a large wire factory in Ansonia, not to speak of interests less important elsewhere. It is understood that a sale to bring about a partition of interest follows, but as to this little is stated positively, it being natural that the successors to the old firm should desire to repossess themselves of everything so far as they see fit.

The change about to take place marks an epoch in the mercantile annals of the country, the connections of Phelps, Dodge & Co. being widespread. Without referring to the record, it will be remembered that in a certain case coming before a committee of the House of Representatives in Washington, Mr. Dodge, Sr., testified that in the course of a number of years their importations had amounted to some \$40,000,000, and that they had paid into the Treasury, in the shape of duties, no less than \$8,000,000. It is remarked by the representative of another firm in the trade that of tin alone their importations into the United States cannot have been less than \$750,000 per annum in value. Of copper and lead, too, they have been heavy importers, but of late Western lead is purchased lower than it can be imported at a profit, so that a recent arrival from Malaga, Spain, was the occasion of much jocular remark in the metal trade. As regards tin, an observer in the market would probably say their characteristic shrewdness is vindicated by recent considerable importations, just in time to profit by the late rapid advance in prices.

The founder of the house, Anson G. Phelps, a native of Connecticut, sprang from humble life, but from a practical knowledge of his business as a metal worker and by shrewdness as a merchant, rose to a position of wealth and honor. His benefactions were princely. In this last respect it is only fair to say his associates and successors have maintained the reputation for generosity which early made the name illustrious. Mr. Phelps started business in Burling Slip, but not long after, in the year 1816, the business was removed to Front street, a branch house at the same time being formed in Liverpool. Later they removed to Cliff street. In 1830 Wm. E. Dodge, Sr., married a daughter of Mr. Phelps, from which circumstance the house as known in later years became established. Mr. Dodge, prior to that date, was partner in the dry goods commission house of Huntington & Dodge, Pearl street. His father was the late David L. Dodge, dry goods merchant, doing business in Boston and New York. When Mr. Dodge joined the present firm Mr. Peck withdrew, and the firm was then made up of Anson G. Phelps, Sr., Daniel James and Wm. E. Dodge, Sr., the firm title in New York being Phelps, Dodge & Co., and in Liverpool Phelps, James & Co. The firm was further cemented by Mr. Dodge and Mr. James both becoming sons-in-law of the senior partner. Some years later Anson G. Phelps, Jr., was admitted to the firm, and Mr. James Stokes at a date still later.

The eldest son of Mr. James, Mr. D. Willis James, and Mr. Wm. E. Dodge, Jr., entered the firm about 25 years ago, and subsequently Anson P. Stokes, Charles C. Dodge and Thomas Stokes came into the membership. Mr. Phelps, Sr., died in 1853 and his son in 1858, both much lamented. With these exceptions, all the members of the firm survived until the death of Mr. James in 1876. Throughout its history, the firm has enjoyed a career of prosperity without serious vicissitudes.

Mr. James Stokes and his son will engage in Wall street after Jan. 1st as private bankers, and Mr. Chas. C. Dodge withdraws to manufacture tin plate, according to report. As to Mr. Dodge, Sr., his course has not been fully resolved upon, but it is hoped he will remain identified with the parent concern, in connection with Wm. E. Dodge, Jr. and Mr. James, who have long been active and influential. While regretting the necessity for change, there is everywhere expressed a desire that all alike may prosper in their new relationships.

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All goods are distributed through the Hardware trade, to whom a liberal discount will be allowed.

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(No. 235.)

The United States Centennial Commission has examined the report of the Judges, and accepted the following reasons, and decreed an award in conformity therewith.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8, 1876.

REPORT ON AWARDS.

Product: **Iron, Brass and Steel Screws, Tire and Stove Bolts, Rivets.**

Name and address of Exhibitor: American Screw Company, Providence, R. I.

The undersigned having examined the product herein described, respectfully recommends the same to the United States Centennial Commission for Award, for the following reasons, viz: **Being of a quality nearly approaching perfection, showing the highest attainment in this branch of manufacture.**

G. L. REED, Signature of the Judge.

Approval of Group Judges.

Daniel Steinmetz,
Jas. Bain,
Chas. Staples,

G. L. Reed,
J. D. Imboden,

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After forty years' experience we offer to the trade our Centennial Screws, patented May 30, 1876, as the best we have ever known.

The method of manufacturing is also patented, and we are changing our machinery as fast as possible, to manufacture the improved article only. To introduce them, they will be sold at the same price as the old style screw.

The new screws will be packed in manila colored boxes with the new label covering end of box, and enlarged figures showing plainly contents.

To distinguish this screw we have adopted a trade-mark, which is also secured to us.

The accompanying engravings show the progress of making screw from the old blunt point to style now adopted.

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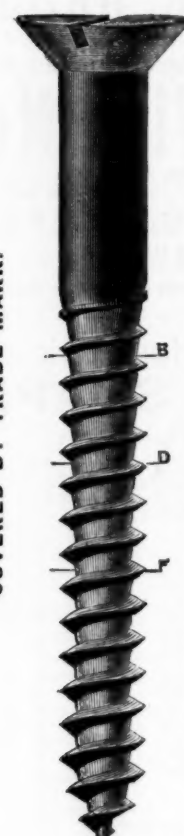


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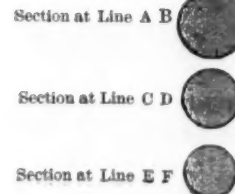
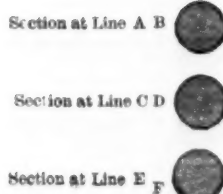
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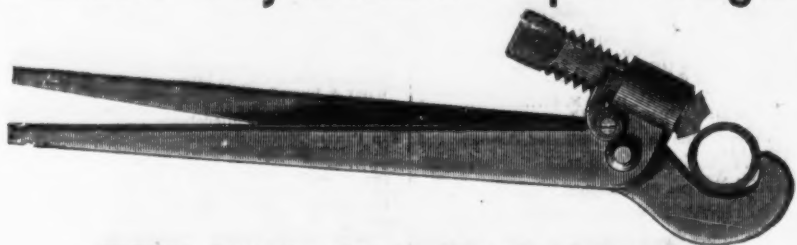
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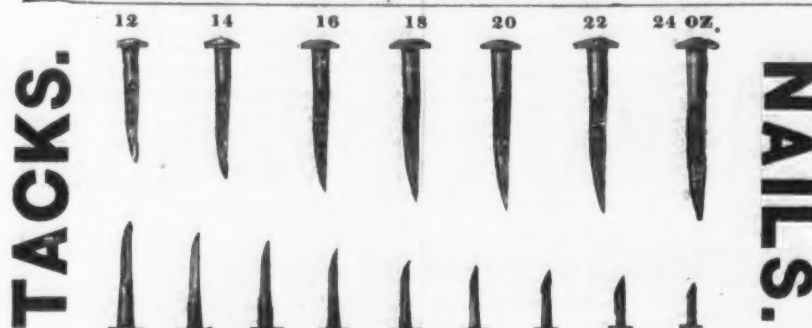
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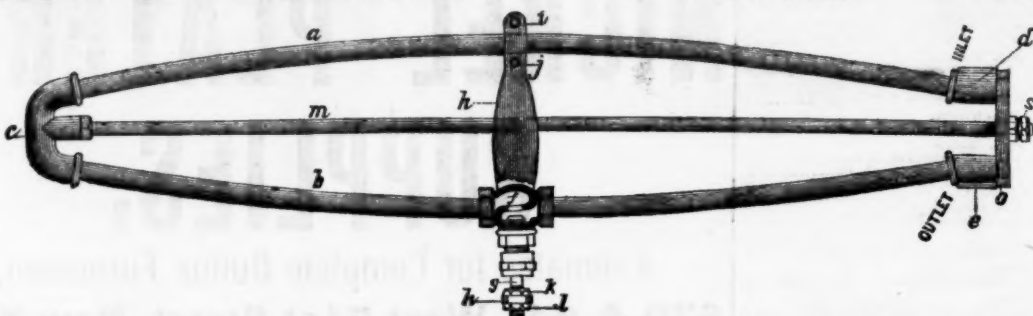
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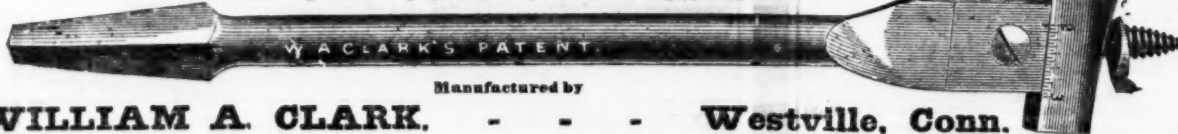
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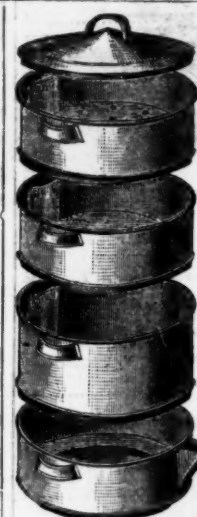
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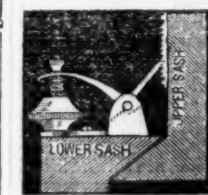
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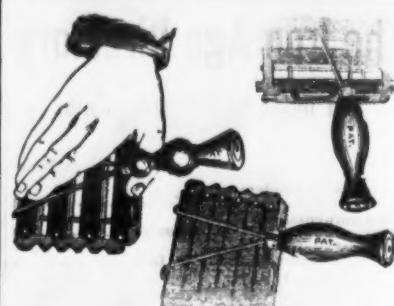
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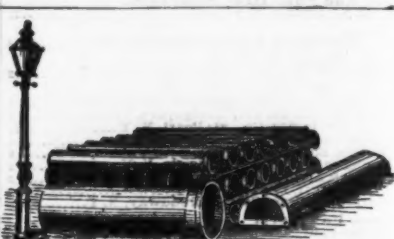
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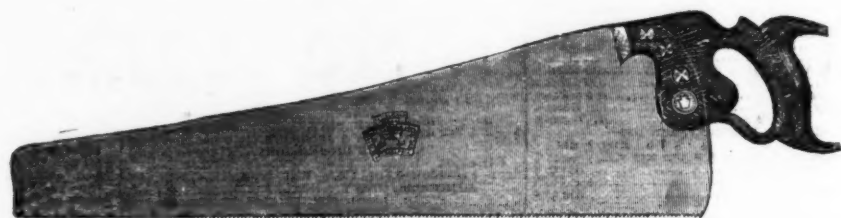
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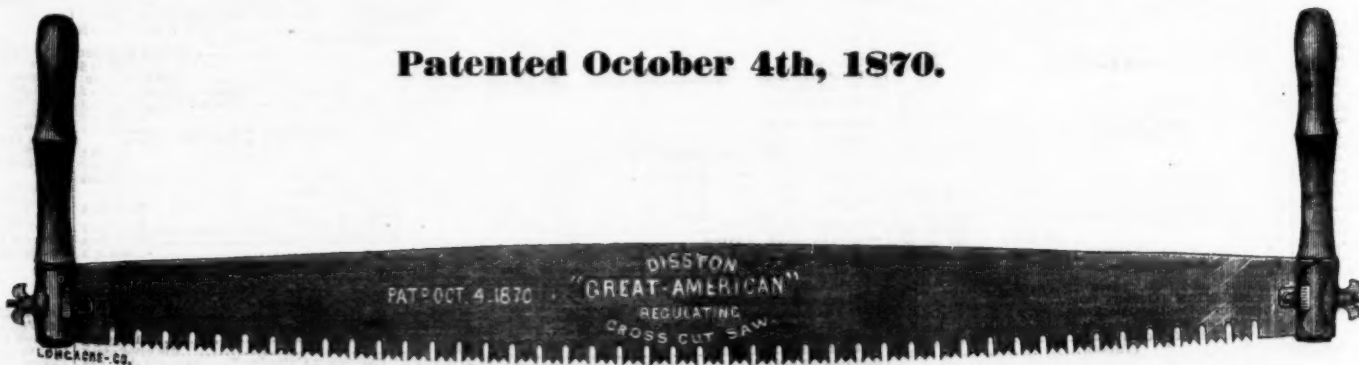
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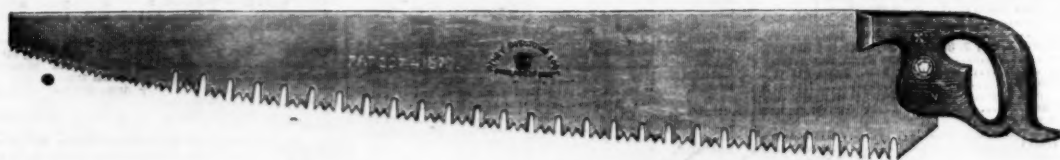
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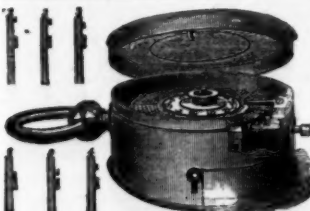
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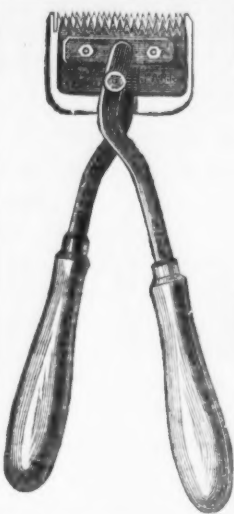
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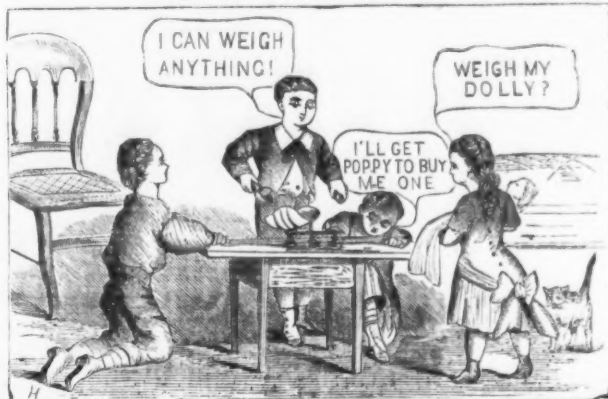
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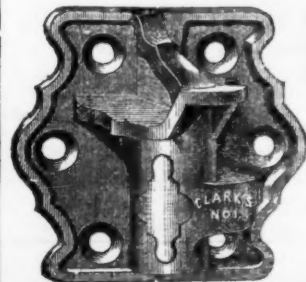
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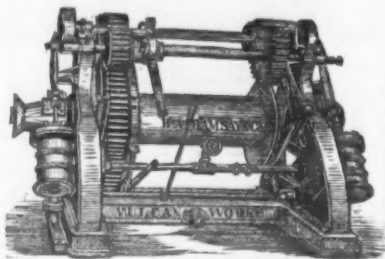
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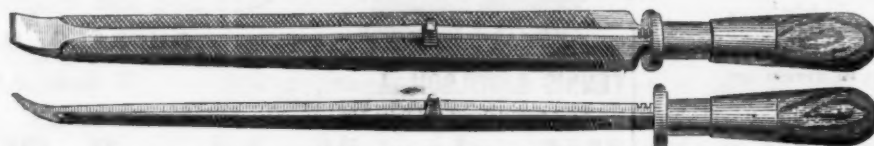
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The object of the inventions herewith illustrated is to provide a device in which files may be firmly held for service in surface filing, and while in this condition *readily sprung*, in order to give, at the will of the operator, more or less convexity to the working face of the file.

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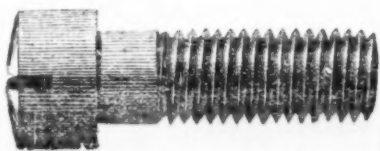
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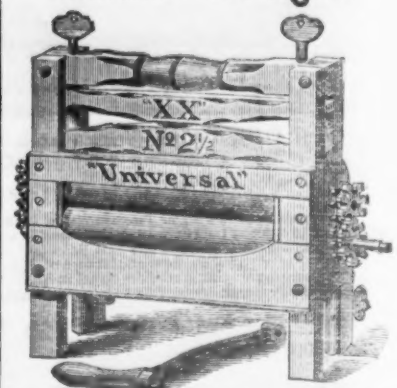
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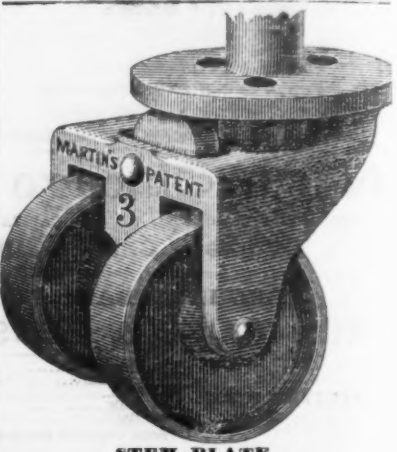
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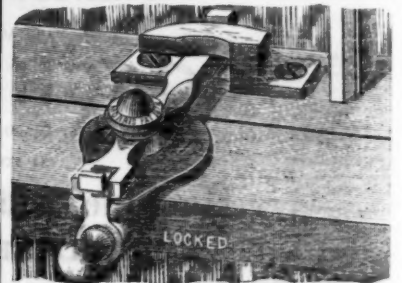
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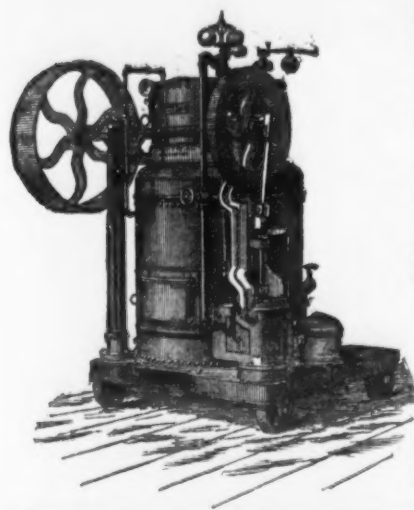
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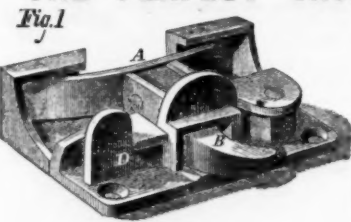
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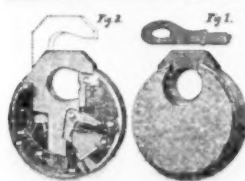
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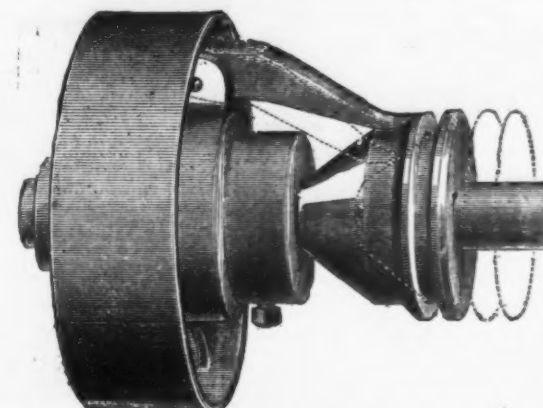
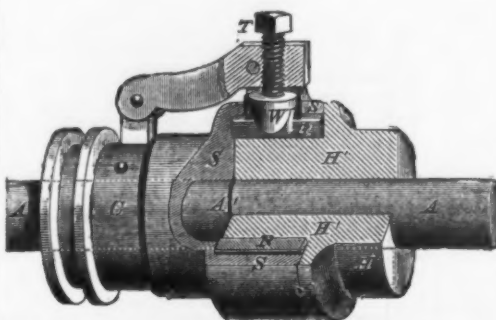
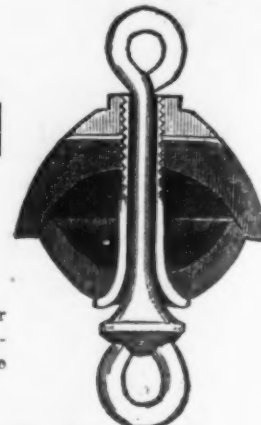
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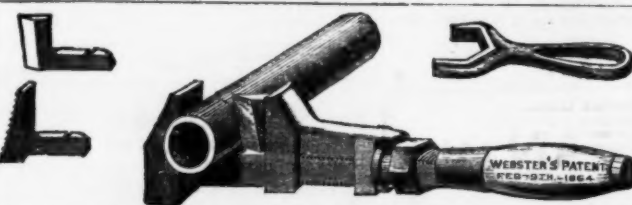
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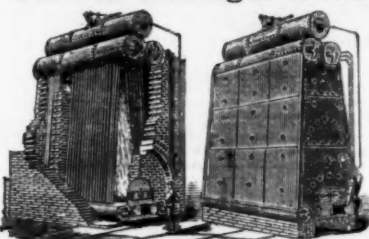
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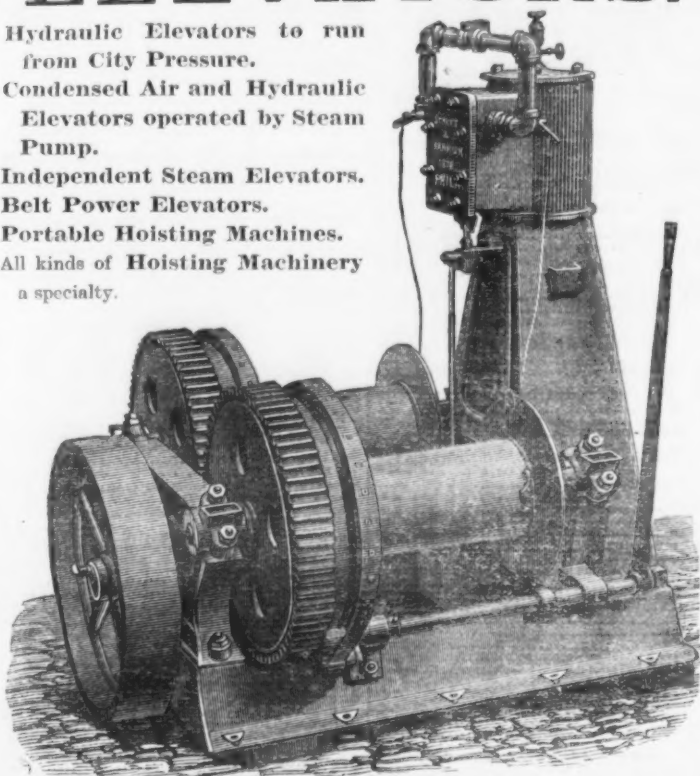
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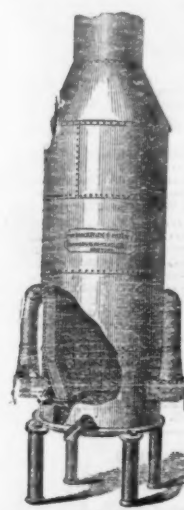
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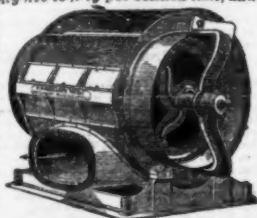
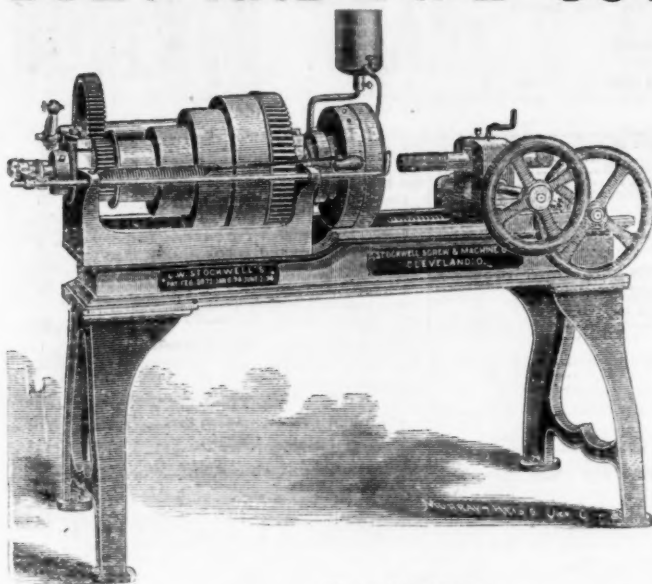
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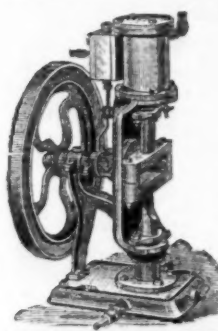
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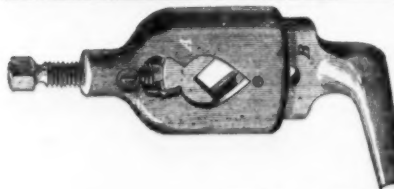
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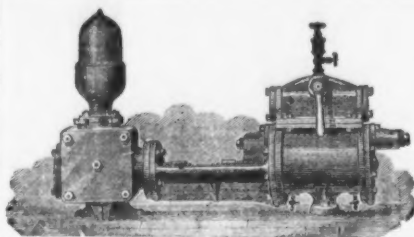
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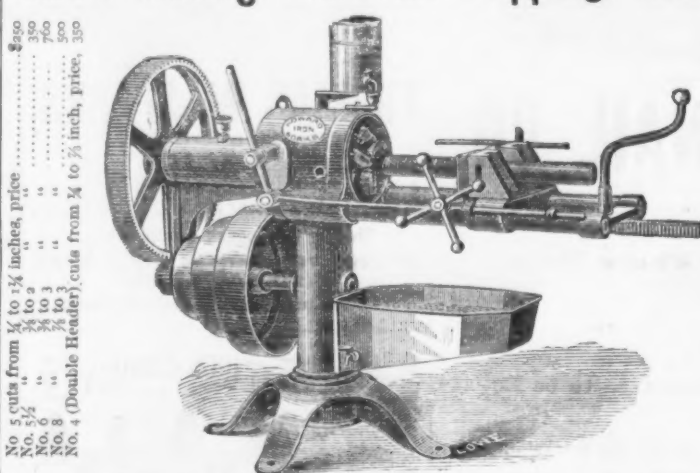
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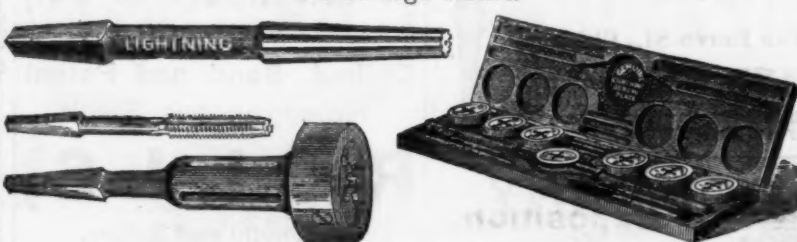
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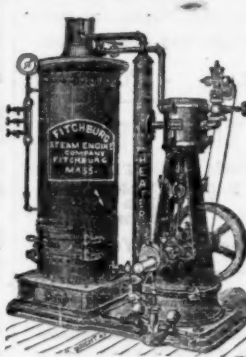
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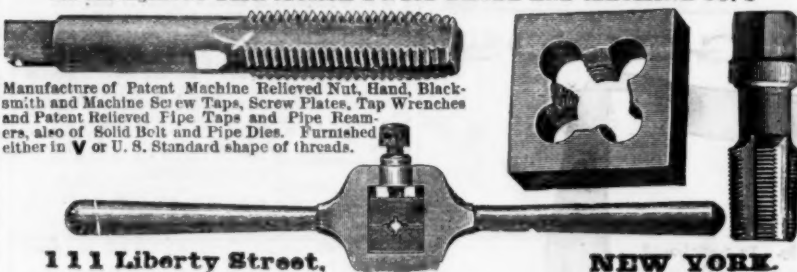
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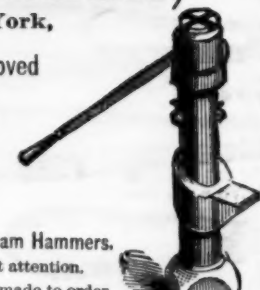
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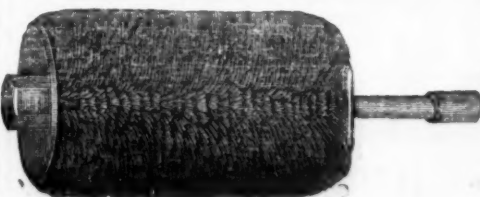
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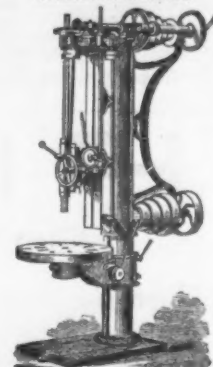
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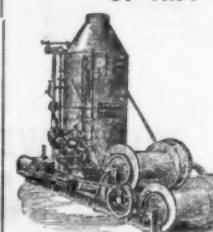
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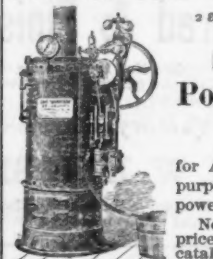
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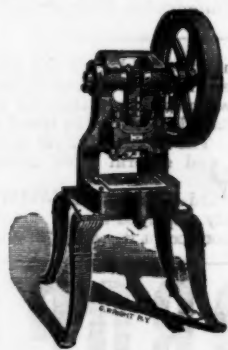
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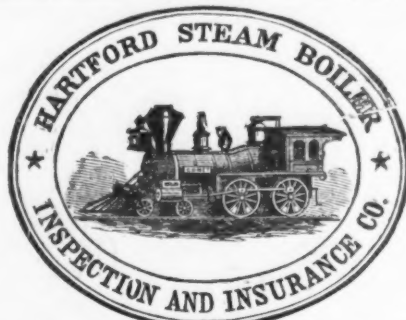


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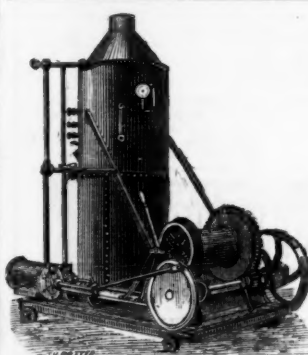
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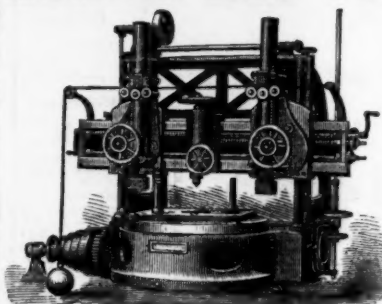
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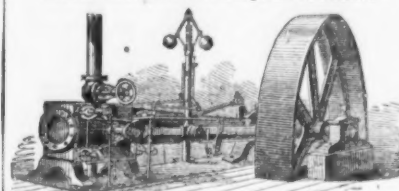
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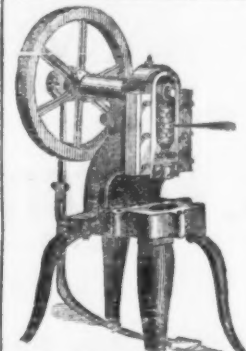
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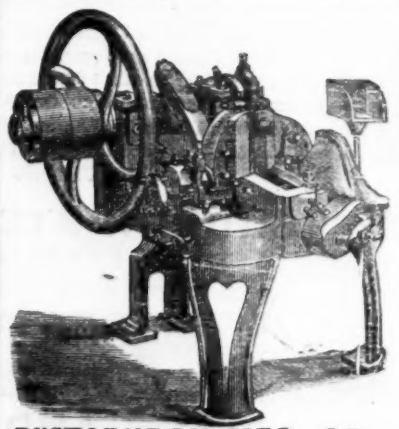


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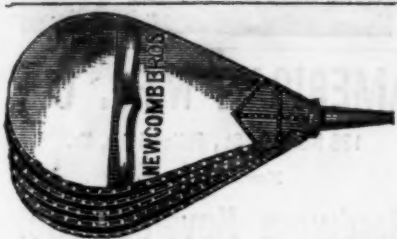
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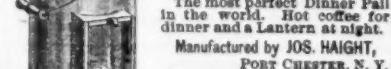
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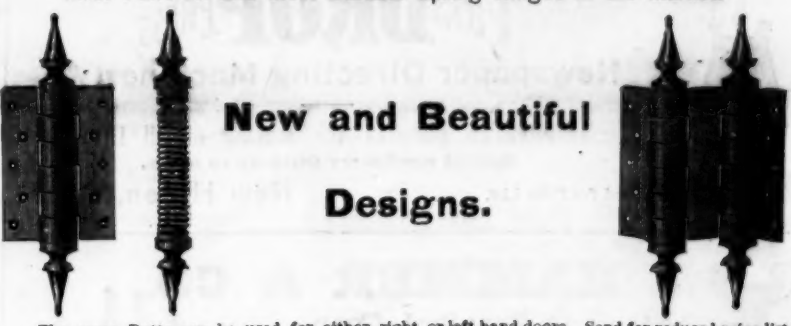
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